



L-R: MD/CEO OGFZA Umana Okon Umana and Chairman Senate C'ttee on Trade & Investment Fatimat Raji-Rasaki arriving at the venue during the Stakeholders Forum



L-R: GM DMS Sunday Wama, Head Admin & General Services Intels Chibuisi Onyebuekem, MD/CEO OGFZA Umana Okon Umana, SA-Min, FMITI Emeka Imazulike and Chief Commercial Officer Intels Patrick Obed.



L-R: Chairman Senate C'ttee on Trade & Investment Fatimat Raji-Rasaki and Hon. Min. for State FMITI Haija Aisha Abubakar



From Right: MD welcoming Sokonte Davies Representative of MD NPA Halima Usman



From Left: Emeka Imazulike SA to the Minister -FMITI, Dr. Chris Asoluka Former Chairman OGFZA Board during the Stakeholder's forum



Cross Section of Participants during the Stakeholders' Forum



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From Left: MD/CEO Umana Okon Umana, Chairman Senate C'ttee on Trade & Investment Fatimat Raji Rasaki and Hon. Min. for State Industry, Trade & Investment Haija Aisha Abubakar



Cross Section of Participants during the Stakeholders' Forum



From Right: Bobo Pepple, Boma Kalio, Ajayi Adekunle and Iniobong Jackson during the Economic outlook breakfast meeting in Abuja



From Left: MD/CEO Umana Okon Umana and AIG Kola Shodipo PSC MNI during his courtesy visit to OGFZA



From Right: MD/CEO Umana Okon Umana with members of his management staff and officials of Awaritse Nig. Ltd during the visit to the proposed OGFZA in Okitugbo in Warri North, Delta State.



OGFZA UNVEILS ROADMAP, BROCHURE AT STAKEHOLDERS' FORUM

The Oil and Gas Free Zones Authority (OGFZA), during the month, showcased its plans to reposition operations at the agency for quality service delivery with the launch of its Roadmap, Marketing Brochure and repackaged website at a Stakeholders' Forum held in the Onne Oil and Gas Free Zone in Rivers State.

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The MD/CEO of OGFZA, Umana Okon with the representative of Intels during the Stakeholders' Forum

OGFZA's 3-Year Roadmap

to grow investment by 50%

The Oil and Gas Free Zones Authority (OGFZA) has announced a three-year strategic roadmap to grow investments in the nation's oil and gas free zones by 50 per cent. The roadmap, which is the outcome of an intensive two-day management retreat, is a blueprint to guide the operations of OGFZA for the next three years.

The roadmap revolves around OGFZA's vision to be the premier agency of government attracting investments into Nigeria through the oil and gas free zones. Guided by OGFZA's mission statement to facilitate investment inflow for the optimal benefits of all stakeholders in the free zones, the retreat resolved that all work processes in OGFZA would be automated to optimise performance, as well as a

standard operating procedure to enhance job performance efficiency. Anchored on the theme, "Enhancing service delivery in the Oil and Gas Free Zones in Nigeria," the retreat also agreed a six-point set of values that furnishes the right organisational culture for OGFZA.

In his closing remarks, the managing director of OGFZA, Mr Umana Okon Umana said, "With a roadmap drawn up and core values agreed to provide the right culture orientation to drive operations at OGFZA, we can now engage investors and operators in the oil and gas free zones in a manner that facilitates the achievement of our mandate."

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OGFZA Set to License New Oil & Gas Free Zone in Delta

The Oil and Gas Free Zones Authority (OGFZA) is set to break new grounds with plans to license another Oil and Gas Free Zone in Delta State. After an inspection visit on Thursday to the proposed free zone, which is located in Okitugbo in Warri North of Delta State, the managing director of OGFZA, Mr Umana Okon Umana, announced that he was impressed with the level of physical development of the proposed free trade hub and the readiness of its promoters, Awaritse Nigeria Limited (ANL), to acquire an oil and gas free zone status for it. He said he was pleased that the project was a 100 per cent Nigerian initiative, and expressed the hope that the Koko Port, which is near the project site, would be integrated into it in the future.

In a presentation to the OGFZA team, secretary and legal adviser to the board of ANL, Barr. Desmond Dudu, said the proposed free zone sits on a land area of 87, 044 hectares with a plan to increase it by another 80, 000 hectares. Dudu also said that based on discussions with prospective foreign investors who are only waiting for the zone to be licensed before they come in, the project would attract more than \$400 million in foreign direct investments in the first instance, adding that when it is completed the free zone is expected to generate 2, 170 direct and indirect jobs. Umana and his team were taken on a facility tour of the proposed free trade zone by the acting managing director of ANL, Mr Emmanuel Ebosa. Among facilities inspected during the tour were a jetty, a tank farm, a fabrication yard where a barge was under construction, a site for a modular refinery and security infrastructure.



The MD/CEO of OGFZA, Umana Okon Umana with Management Team on a facility tour to the proposed oil and gas free zone in Okitugbo, Warri North, Delta State.

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From The Publisher

Welcome to the second edition of the OGFZA Newsletter. This is a special edition dedicated almost entirely to the Stakeholders' Forum held earlier in the month, and the Retreat that preceded it. OGFZA's Roadmap, Marketing Brochure and the Authority's repackaged Website were unveiled at the Stakeholders' Forum.

The Forum turned out to be a very important event in the evolution of the Authority into an effective driver of growth and development for the economy. It helped us to gauge the strength and level of government support for OGFZA. This was apparent in the high level of attendance at the event from Federal Ministries, the National Assembly, other government agencies, Free Zone companies and security agencies. This edition equally pays due tribute to the Management Retreat from where the Strategic Roadmap was drawn up after two

days of intense brainstorming. Worth mentioning too is the report on the historic inspection visit to the proposed Oil and Gas Free Zone in Okitugbo, near Koko Port in Warri North of Delta State, which is set to become the first Oil and Gas Free Zone to be licensed by OGFZA since the new management of the Authority under Mr Umana Okon Umana took office. The Newsletter is spiced up with vintage photographs from the various events that we showcase in this edition. Enjoy!



L-R Former Chairman OGFZA Board -Dr. Chris Asoluka, MD OGFZA -Umana Okon Umana, Technical Adviser to MD-Iniobong Jackson and Otuekong Sunny Jackson during the Public Hearing

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Present on the occasion were Chairman of the Senate Committee on Trade and Investment, Sen. Fatimat Raji Rasaki; Minister of State for Industry, Trade and Investment, Hajia Aisha Abubakar; Chairman, House Committee on Local Content, Hon. Linus Ekon; Chairman, House Committee on Commerce, Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga; Executive Secretary of the Nigerian Shippers Council, Hassan Bello, who also represented the Hon. Minister of Transport, Rotimi Amaechi; Managing Director of the Nigerian Ports Authority, Ms Hadiza Usman, represented by Executive Director, Local Content Development & Monitoring Board, Dr Sokonte Davies; the Managing Director of Intels, Mr Andrew Dawes, represented by the company's Chief Commercial Officer, Patrick Bird.

Also ably represented at the event were the Comptroller, Nigeria Customs Service, Onne Oil and Gas Free Zone, Babani Abdullahi; the Deputy Comptroller, Nigeria Immigration Service, Onne Oil and Gas Free Zone, Gyet Linda Halima; NPA Police DPO Onne Port Complex, SP Anieze Ozoemena; president of the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria, Dr Frank Udemba Jacobs; developers

and investors in the free zones. In his welcome address, the Managing Director of OGFZA, Mr Umana Okon Umana, described the occasion as "an opportunity to share the dream of our team seeking to re-position OGFZA as a premier government agency for promoting, securing and sustaining investments in the Nigerian oil and gas sector in line with our institutional mandate and the vision of the Federal Government of Nigeria." Umana said he was ready to work with all stakeholders "to recreate OGFZA and rebuild prosperity for all in successful partnerships between Government and private investors in the Free Zones."

He assured the Forum that the Roadmap would deliver a new OGFZA that creates enabling environment for investments through a hard-to-resist regime of incentives in keeping with government policy on the ease of doing business. He commended the Hon. Minister of Industry, Trade & Investment, Dr Okechukwu Enelema for his untiring support to OGFZA and the Presidential Committee on the Ease of Doing Business (EDB) in Nigeria. The Minister of State for Industry, Trade and Investment, Hajia Abubakar, who

declared the forum open, commended the leadership of OGFZA "for this laudable initiative" of the forum. "I am happy that OGFZA is right on course in charting the way forward to a successful investment drive for the Oil and Gas Free Zones," the Minister said.

Hajia Abubakar said the special provision of N51.4 billion in the 2017 budget for the establishment of six Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the country underscores the Federal Government recognition of the Free Zones as veritable engines of growth for the economy. "For this reason, the Federal Government will continue to support OGFZA and investors in the Oil and Gas Free Zones because of their important contributions to national economic development," she said.

She added that the success of the Free Zones represents a win-win situation for all in the partnership as investors equally have success stories to tell. Chairman of the Senate Committee on Trade and Investment, Sen. Rasaki commended OGFZA on its efforts to contribute to the revival of the economy and pledged to retain support for OGFZA through appropriate legislation.

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

VISION
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

Umana commends NASS on move to amend OGFZA, NEPZA laws

The managing director of the Oil and Gas Free Zones Authority (OGFZA), Mr Umana Okon Umana, has commended the National Assembly for taking steps to amend the principal Acts of both the Nigerian Export Processing Zones Authority (NEPZA) and OGFZA. Speaking in an interactive forum with editors of national newspapers in his office in Onne during the weekend, Umana said his expectation was that when the amendments are passed they would remove imperfections in the two laws, thereby putting both OGFZA and NEPZA on the path to fulfilling their mandates for the good of the economy and benefit of all Nigerians. Umana said efforts to amend the laws have come at the right time when the Federal Government is focused on the drive to diversify the economy. He explained that while the amendments would

deepen specialization and efficiency in the oil and gas sector, they are at the same time expected to strongly encourage investment in the non-oil sector. He briefed the editors on OGFZA's recently unveiled 3-year strategic roadmap which aims at growing investment in the oil and gas free zones by 50 per cent in the next three years. He said the roadmap reflected the vision of the oil and gas free zone agency to be the premier agency of government for the promotion of investment in the nation's oil and gas free zones. Umana said one of the means to more investments in the free zones is more access to OGFZA through its repackaged and robust website and the publication of a biweekly newsletter to enhance interaction with existing and prospective investors. He added that the

drive for new investments would be facilitated by a corporate culture of integrity, respect for investors and due process, transparency and accountability, as well as passion for and customer-centric engagement with investors. He said the oil and gas free zones have had a track record of success in attracting investments, having raked in more than \$20 billion worth of investments since inception and created more than 200,000 direct and indirect jobs. On the revenue side, the OGFZA MD said between January 2010 and December 2015, the Nigerian Customs Service generated revenue of N143.2 billion from the oil and gas free zones alone, while the Nigerian Ports Authority generated \$2.1 billion and N19.3 billion also from the oil and gas free zones.

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He described the retreat as "a adding that he was ready to very rewarding engagement" drive the change in the that has set the tone for OGFZA investment agency. to move in the right direction, projecting that the impact of the The management retreat was brain storming session would be highly interactive and modeled immediate. "The rebranding is to tap from the full range of well underway and with it a new talents, skills and experience way to doing business and available at the management dealing with clients," he said, level of the agency.

