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Appointment of New MD/CEO for OGFZA

A new managing director and chief executive officer has been appointed for the Oil and Gas Free Zones Authority (OGFZA). Mr Umana Okon Umana, the new chief executive—who assumed duty in October last year—has promised to reposition the agency and work to achieve its mandate.

In his first formal meeting with staff of the Authority, Umana addressed a number of workplace issues, including the need for workers to be professional in executing set tasks, concern for conducive work

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environment and other aspects of staff welfare as well as the imperative for OGFZA to be financially independent.

Umana is a former secretary to Akwa Ibom State Government; former commissioner for finance in the state and former permanent secretary in charge of budget in the state. Umana earned a degree in Economics from the University of Calabar and an MBA in Finance from the University of Port Harcourt. He honed up his leadership capacity many years ago with executive leadership training at the London Business School; RIPA International, London and the Columbia Graduate School of Business in New York.

Umana was chairman of the Steering Committee of the Akwa Ibom State/World Bank Community-based Urban Development Project. He also served as chairman of the State Programme Co-ordinating Committee (SPCC) of the UNDP from 1997 – 2003.

He is a member of the Nigerian Economic Society and a Fellow of the Institute of Taxation of Nigeria.

From The Publisher

We are pleased to introduce the OGFZA Newsletter to you. The newsletter is a platform for sharing information on activities and events in OGFZA with our investors, workers and other stakeholders.

The newsletter intends to guarantee a constant flow of communication, provide the social glue that holds us together and foster a community of common interest among investors, workers and government agencies in the free zones.

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OIL & GAS FREE ZONES AUTHORITY (OGFZA) VISION | MISSION | CORE VALUES



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

SENATE C'TTEE VISIT: OGFZA TO PRIORITISE EASE OF DOING BUSINESS



Senator Fatimat Raji Rasaki
-Chairman, Senate Committee on Trade & Investment

The managing director of the Oil and Gas Free Zones Authority (OGFZA), Mr Umana Okon Umana, has restated that OGFZA has adopted the federal government policy of ease of doing business as a model of engagement with investors in the free zones.

Umana, who spoke while receiving the Senate Committee on Trade and Investment in his office at Onne Port complex, Rivers State, expressed pleasure at the visit and briefed the committee on the progress the agency has made and the challenges facing it. He said OGFZA over the years has attracted \$20 billion worth of investments into the free zones, generating about 200,000 direct and indirect jobs in the process.

He added that a critical constraint facing the Onne Free Zone was lack of public power supply which, he explained, has forced investors in the zone to generate their own power, thereby adding to the cost of doing business. Umana called on the committee to support OGFZA to achieve its mandate.

Chairman of the committee, Senator Fatimat Raji Rasaki, was accompanied by Senator Nelson Effiong and secretary of the committee. Speaking on the occasion, the chairman, Senator Rasaki, stated that the purpose of the visit was to carry out oversight function and assess the progress of the Oil and Gas Free Zones and its contributions to the Nigerian economy and Local Content Development.

The committee chair and members were later led on a facility tour of the Oil and Gas Free Zone.



Umana Okon Umana and Senator Nelson Effiong
-member, Senate Committee



Cross Section: MD/CEO OGFZA,
Management Team and Senate C'ttee



Group photograph



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