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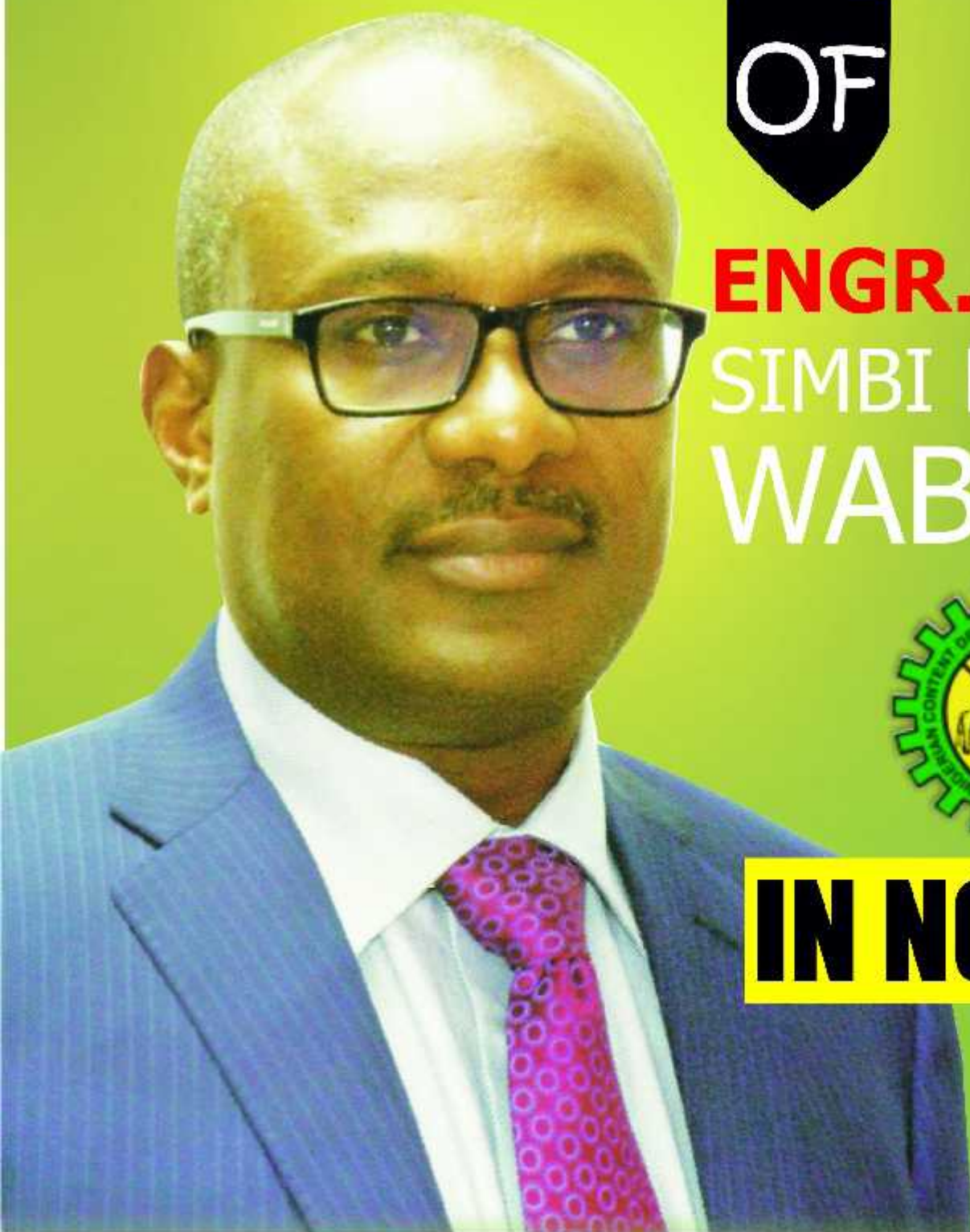


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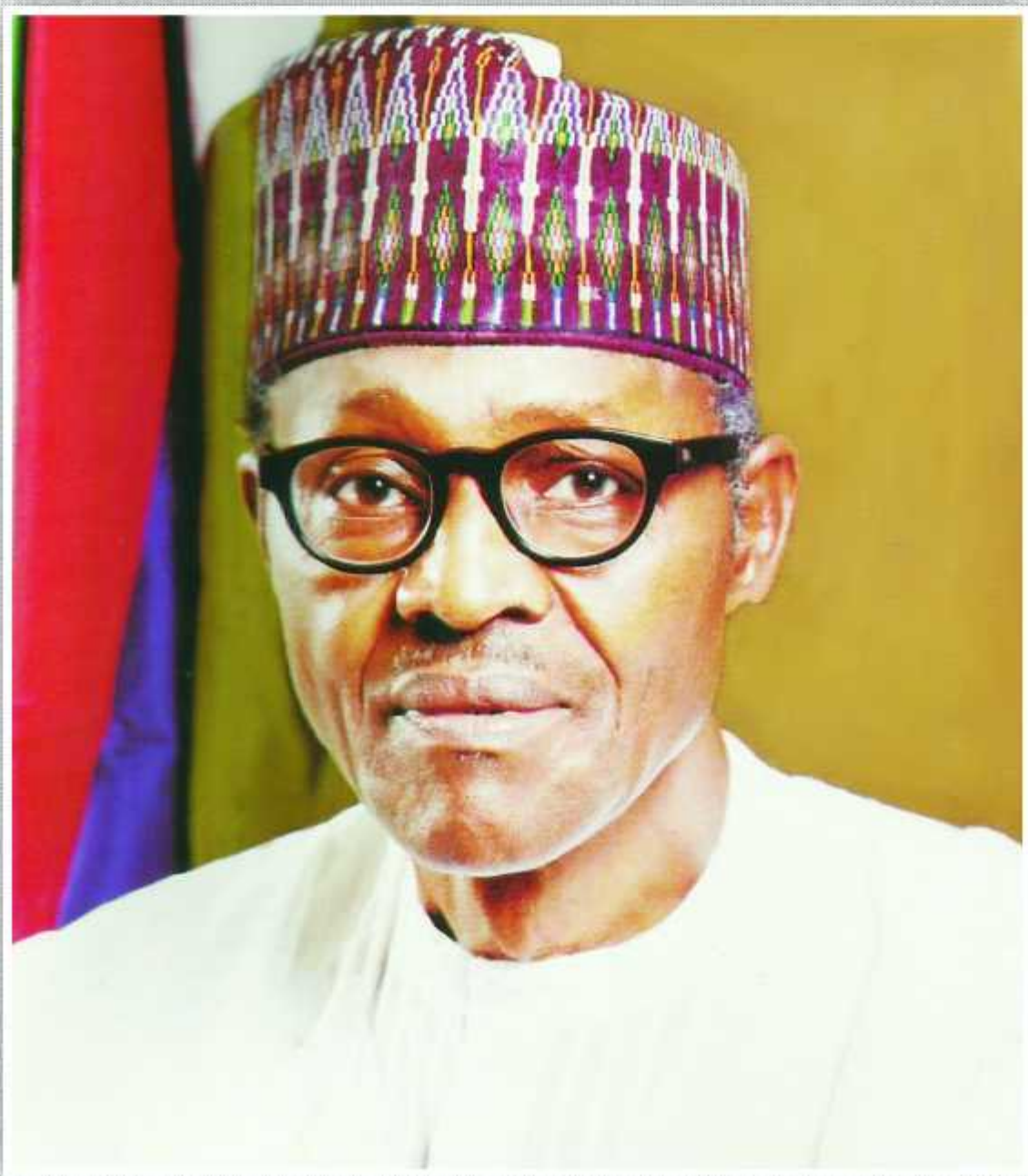
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## **NIGERIAN CONTENT DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING BOARD (NCDMB)**



# **Happy Democracy Day!**

We rejoice with our dear country and all Nigerians as we mark 19 years of uninterrupted democratic experience.

We commend the Executive, Legislature and Judiciary for their sterling roles in sustaining our democracy.

We thank President Muhammadu Buhari (GCFR) for energizing the implementation of the Nigerian Content Act and the successes of the Economic Recovery and Growth plan (ERGP).

At the NCDMB, we pledge to intensify the implementation of the Nigerian Content Act for greater economic benefits of Nigerians.

**Hearty Congratulatings!!!**

**Engr. Simbi Kesiye Wabote,**  
Executive Secretary, Nigerian Content Development  
and Monitoring Board (NCDMB)

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# Profile Of

## **Engr Simbi Kesiye Wabote :**



**W**abote is an experienced oil and gas professional with proven track record in engineering, supply chain, stakeholder management, local business development (Local Content) and general management. He has over 20 years top-flight experience in international, multinational and national business environment. He is described as an effective and resourceful manager who is able to build and manage diverse and high performing teams. Most recently as Shell C&P Global Local Content Manager, he had the responsibility to develop Local Content Strategy for Royal Dutch Shell (RDS), Upstream, and Downstream operations in addition to ensuring implementation for business outcomes. He has wide experience in local and international partnership development strategy, cross-functional team management and the alignment of global supply chains with local supply chains in countries like Nigeria, Gabon, Brunei, Oman, Kazakhstan, Australia, Iraq, Qatar, Jordan, Americas, USA and new frontier countries for Shell.



# INTRODUCTION

## NCDMB Keying into President Muhammadu Buhari's 3 points Agenda.

**T**he importance of contributions to the growth of exported. Nigerian Content the Local Content Nigeria's Gross Domestic has also grown remarkably on Act and Product. the production side.

Administration to Nations growth and development can never be over emphasized. That was why the Oil and Gas local content Act was enacted.

The performance of the Nigeria Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB) in keying into President Muhammadu Buhari's 3 Points Agenda of Economic Development, Security and fight against corruption got a boost in the last one year of the current Board of NCDMB

As part of its Economic Development plan The Nigeria Content Development and Monitoring Board is already living up to its responsibility of increasing indigenous participation in the oil and gas industry, build capacity and competencies of indigenous operators, create linkages to other sectors of the National Economy and also boost industry

The summary of the contributions of the NCDMB to the Federal Government's agenda is summed up in the Executive Secretary's write up to mark eight years achievements of the Board thus 'The Board's strategic implementation of the NOGICD Act has been very impactful in the Oil and Gas Industry and the wider economy - several Nigerians service providers have invested in sophisticated vessels and rigs – assets that used to be the exclusive preserve of foreign companies. Local firms now enjoy patronage and even exclusivity in certain areas, retaining huge industry spend in the economy, employing Nigerians and building skills. Many hi-tech fabrications, manufacturing and engineering facilities have also been developed and upgraded, domiciling most industry work that used to be

Indigenous and marginal field producers now account for about 15 percent of Nigeria's crude oil production. They also contribute about 53 percent of Domestic Gas Supply requirements, with NPDC, SEPLAT, ND Western, Frontier, 7Energy, Aiteo, etc being major producers.'

On the fight against corruption the Board has continued to make integrity it's watchword.

The Executive Secretary and the Board Members have proven that they are personalities of impeccable integrity following President Muhammadu Buhari's integrity.

No wonder the Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board is ranked number one in the latest audit of oil and gas industry conducted by Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI).



# In The Beginning



R-L: Dr. Ernest Nwapa, pioneer Executive Secretary; Engr. Simbi Wabate, Executive Secretary, NCDMB and Arch. Denzil Kentebe, erstwhile Executive Secretary, NCDMB at the 2016 Practical Nigerian Content (PNC) Conference.

**T**he Nigerian Content Implementation of Nigerian enshrined in extant Petroleum Development and Content. The Nigerian National Monitoring Board was created by an Act known as the Local Content journey Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) report of a Presidential Content Division within its Content Development Act of 2010. The Local Content journey started formally from the would later set up the Nigerian Content Committee inaugurated in system and issue Nigerian 2001 to suggest reforms in the Content directives to the

The Act provides for the Oil and Gas industry. Prior to industry. The absence of a development of Nigeria the NOGICD Act, the regulatory framework limited Content in the Nigeria oil and Department of Petroleum the best efforts of the DPR and Gas industry. Nigerian Content Resources (DPR) used oil block NNPC, especially as operators Plan, supervision, bid rounds to enforce some and service companies coordination, Monitoring and level of Local Content Policies complied only on best



Endeavour basis.

Initially The Executive Secretary of the Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board [NCDMB] Mr Simbi Wabote had decried inability of Nigeria business firms in the oil and gas sector to access the \$100million Nigerian Content Fund. Meant to address financial and Liquidity challenges of companies operating within the industry.

The Executive Secretary spoke in Yenegoa, the Bayelsa state capital while marking the Board's 100 days on the saddle listed the inauguration of several projects , massive staff training and the adherence to the act setting up the body as part of its achievements .

He told Journalists during the event that though the NCDMB had since its creation increased local participation in the oil and gas industry from three percent to 28 percent, his plan was to accelerate the pace during his tenure.

He said so far only three organizations had accessed the fund. 'not been able to put the funds to work is a failure..Secondly, we are trying to take stock with where we are today with the implementation of the Act, we have not been able to implement in totality' he said.

On the tortuous contracting period, he said 'we will identify the gaps and areas we need to improve upon. Contracting cycle time has been reduced considerably where the industry was when his administration took over'.

Most of the contracts in the industry going to foreign companies, now come to Nigerians. We are compiling the amount of contracts we have been able to give to Nigerians in the past 100 days.

According to him, one of the things the board set out to do was to bring staff competence at par with oil and gas industry.

On the controversy surrounding the actual value of the NCDMB Fund he said 'in this country people like to throw in numbers and assume the position of knowledge what they actually don't know anything about.

Meanwhile oil and gas companies that default in the deduction and remittance of one percent of the value of contracts they executed in the upstream sector will henceforth be disqualified from participating in the tenders for new contracts.

Speaking in Lagos at a recent stakeholders forum on the Nigerian Content Development Fund remittances the Executive Secretary Simba

Wabote also unveiled plans to conduct a forensic audit of the industry to track and recover due payments on the NCDF held by some companies.

He said the NCDF was established by section 104 of the Nigerian oil and gas industry content Development Act 2010 and provides that one percent of every contract in the upstream sector of the oil and gas industry shall be deducted at source and paid into the fund.

In the same vein Stakeholders from the Niger Delta region have been urged to participate in the oil and gas sector to create employment and contract award to its people with a view to creating wealth, develop capacity and harness their resources.

Some of the participants at the Niger Delta stakeholder forum organised by the Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB), with the theme, "Local Content: Youth Involvement and Benefits ", urged the youths of the region to avail themselves for all oil and gas operations in the area noting that its not an opportunity given to the youths of the region but their right to engage in all projects operations in the Niger Delta.



The forum was to highlight opportunities and provide specific training required to boost employability of youths in the oil and gas industry.

NCDMB was also created to ensure that Nigerian economy benefits from the vast hydrocarbons resources in the country as well as placing production and operating assets in the hands of Nigerians, maximizing utilization of Nigerian made goods, deepening community participation and maximizing utilization of Nigerian human resources. The stakeholders appealed to the Niger delta

youths to be intellectually prepared to take up responsibilities in the oil and gas sector stressing that intellectual struggle should now take over from the arms struggle of the militants era.

The mandate given to the Board include, To Review, assess and approve Nigerian content plans developed by operators, To set guidelines and minimum content levels for project related activities across the oil and Gas value chain, To engage in targeted capacity building intervention that would deepen indigenous capabilities... Human capital

development, Infrastructure and Facilities, Manufactured Materials and Local Supplier Development., To grow and manage the Nigeria Content Development Fund, To establish, maintain and operate the Joint Qualification System (NOGICJQS) in conjunction with industry stakeholders, To monitor Nigerian Content compliance by operators and service providers. This will be in terms of cumulative spending, employment creation and sources of local goods, services and materials utilized on projects and operations among others.







Front Row: Mr. Mina Oforiakuma, Representative of the NCCP, Dr. Shu'ra Jamila, former Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum Resources; Engr. Simbi Kesiye Wabote, Executive Secretary, Nigeria Content Development and Monitoring Board; Alhaji Abba Kyari, Chief of Staff to the President; Dr. Ibe Kachukwu, Minister of State for Petroleum Resources; Mr. Bank-Anthony Okoroafor, Chairman of the Petroleum Technology Association of Nigeria (PETAN) and other members of NCDMB Governing Council at their inauguration by President Buhari in Abuja.



President Muhammadu Buhari meeting with traditional Rulers and Governors of the South-South Region



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## Interview With Engr. Simbi Wabote, Executive Secretary NIGERIAN CONTENT DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING BOARD

**Tell us about the stakeholders sensitisation workshop on NCDF remittances and third party forensic audit you had in Lagos.**

The workshop was about enlightening stakeholders on the new platform and was designed in conjunction with the Central Bank of Nigeria and the Nigerian Content Fund, all the operators, service providers, The Content Fund had been upgraded and change, so we needed to enlighten them on how to do their remittances, because we

realize that the remittances were going down because they didn't understand how to use the software and then the second part of the workshop was on Forensic auditing, You know since the inception of the Board in 2010, the Acts mandates operators and contractors in the up stream sectors to pay one percent of every contracts that is awarded to them to the NIGERIAN CONTENT DEVELOPMENT FUND and we have realized that some of them have not been remitting the

funds as stipulated by Act so we called them together to enlighten them of our intent to carry out our forensic audit of all the funds that are out there, so that's the essence of the workshop, it was well attended, interactions and feedback from the workshop is going to be implemented.

**There was this report that some IOCs and even NNPC were breaching the Nigerian Content Act, what's your reaction to this. The Senate is said to be probing this.**





. The Senate enquiry is a recurring decimal as the Legislative arm of government, they also try to act as Policemen to ensure that people are not flouting the law, that report came as a result of the visit of Senate committee on local content to FCC Factory, cause FCC directly reported to them that they were not been patronized by the IOCs and NNPC they decided to investigate the veracity of the claim by the FCC, ITS AN ONGOING PROCESS. Since the inception of the Board the National Assembly have been interested in the activities of the Board to find out compliance with the law and the Act and as such with the view to strengthen the law further.

**People are happy with the way you are carrying on with the assignment as the Executive Secretary of the Nigerian Content Board what has been your driving force and motivation.**

.First my driving force is being a Nigerian and secondly a Nigerian worried at lack of employment in the country which is bedeviling the youths population, as we have, so its how to make sure

that we create opportunity for these youths to create jobs for them, most importantly also is how to protect investments that are in the country that is producing about two million barrels per day of oil. My driving force is to create opportunity for Nigerians to create jobs for Nigerians, because nobody will build this country than us. Am passionate about Nigeria, I love this country, it has youth potentials that has not been tapped, so how do we ensure that we tap into those potentials and given the people the opportunity to participate in the oil and gas sector and again I believe as a person I like to do my job diligently and I like to deliver value anywhere I find myself so these I grew up with and maintain in any position I find myself throughout my 27 years of my career.

**What had been your challenges.....**

Challenges, of course include infrastructural challenges are there in the country, in as much as you want to strive for industrialization of Nigeria, you are also inhibited by some of the infrastructural challenges, road network, rail network, power infrastructure is a challenge, the other is lack of sectorial linkages where you have other sectors of the economy not firing at the same cylinder as you are in the local content on one hand you are pushing for the Industrialisation of the country on the other hand other people are pushing for more tax, the other challenge is the nature of the oil and gas business, when you think there is strong capacity and no work coming through because of the rise and fall of oil price, it also a times dampen ones moral.

**Am aware you are a technocrat, are you atimes under pressure from Politicians.**

Ofcourse it's a normal occurrence and when you have one or two pressures here and there from Politicians but I think what I realize is that once they know what you stand for, once they know that you abide by the rules and you follow your processes they go off. Those pressures only come to stay if they believe that you have the capacity to bend the rules, the pressures are there but the process that has been established is what we used to ward off some of these pressures. Talking about political pressures.



**In a nutshell what has been your achievements so far both to individual and to the country in general**

I can't put it in a nutshell, because that would be too small. The achievements had been tremendous in terms of what we had done in the last couple of years, increase the local content attainment in the country both from less than 5 percent to 86 percent today in terms of local content attainment, a world class fabrication yard had sprung up, you have manufacturing capacity that had been developed, you have people manufacturing paints, manufacturing cables, manufacturing pipes, today we have been able to integrate FPSO in the country not too many African countries can boast of

that. Today almost 85 percent of the contracts in the country are awarded to Nigerian companies, today Nigerians are managing oil fields successfully too, so the achievements has been tremendous, they are just too many.

For the individual there had been achievements in terms of employment creation. Because of the drive and the attainment so far a lot of Nigerians had been employed, we have built a lot of capacity for employment, as I said almost 85 percent of the contract awarded in the oil and gas sectors are awarded to Nigerian companies. Nigerians have built a lot of capacity on the back of local content drive, we have retained five billion (\$5b) out of the \$20 billion annual

industry spent.

**How has other African countries keyed in the Local content in their countries.**

Nigeria has become a reference point in terms of local content development in Africa, we have been having series of visits from various African countries wanting to come and study and understand how we have been able to drive local content to this level, we are constantly been invited to seminars workshops to share our experiences, other countries are working to borrow a leaf from Nigeria because they believe it's a model that has brought some level of prosperity to our country and they are looking forward to sharing our experiences with us as well as want us to help them in their local content attainment.





# Achievements Of The Nigeria Content Administration

...Good News For Nigerian Youths 30,000  
Jobs Created, 300,000 Jobs In The Making.



Cadets selected from the NOGOCIOS embarking on an 18 month sea Time Training Experience Programme organised by Nigerian Agip Exploration and NCDMB

The local content Act the NOGICD Act 2010 and the first 50 years of oil and the Board is one subsequent establishment of the production in Nigeria and lost of the few NCDMB ushered a paradigm opportunities to create over two government establishments that shift. Before then, nearly all millions jobs. The level of has remained a success in fabrication, engineering, and Nigerian Content was less than Nigeria. Even though the Act procurement for the Oil and Gas five percent, partly because was enacted 8 years ago, it has Industry were executed abroad, preceding administrations and become the most successful It is estimated that the national most citizenry focused on Economic Policy of the Federal economy suffered capital flight revenue derivation from the Oil Government. The enactment of of about \$380billion dollars in and Gas sector.



MANY Stakeholders and drivers of the Nigeria Economy has described the Nigeria Content as a veritable tool for National Development. One of such is the Managing Director of Shell Nigeria Exploration and Production Company Mr Bayo Ojulari who described the Nigeria Content Law as a veritable tool for National development noted that even in developed world the concept of 'country first' is becoming increasingly popular.

Mr Ojulari spoke during his presentation on SERVICE COMPANY OPERATOR COLLABORATION MODELS= DRAWING FROM EXPERIENCE FROM OTHER PROVIDENCES at the last maiden edition of the West African International Petroleum Exhibition and conference ( WAIPEC) in Lagos added that in other countries such as Brazil companies have leveraged on each others capability to deliver Floating Production Storage Offshore (FPSO) vessel at half the price and half the time.

It's heartening that the implementation of the Nigeria Local Content Policy has remained on the front burner of four successive Federal Administrations, giving the lie to the narrative that governments in Africa are too eager to jettison policies initiated by their predecessors. In fact, the remit of the Nigerian

Content implementation is being broadened beyond oil and gas as part of diversification of the economy.

Two out of the five Presidential Executive Orders issued by the administration of President Muhammadu Buhari are specifically in support of Local Content - Presidential Executive Order 003 which mandates Support for Local Content in Public Procurement by Ministries, Departments and Agencies of the Federal Government and Executive Order 005, for the "Planning and Execution of Projects, Promotion of Nigerian Content in Contracts and Sciences, Engineering and Technology." These instruments have reaffirmed President Buhari administration's unequivocal support for Local Content and deep conviction of its importance to the attainment of the Economic Growth Recovery Plan (EGRP) and wider socio-economic goals of the nation.

Today, Nigeria is widely regarded as a model in Local Content implementation in Africa and the Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB) has been mentoring several countries on the development of their own policies. Among such other countries included Angola whose oil Minister Botellio de Vasconcelos said the government is preparing a set of Legal and Economic

measures on Local Content to ensure greater participation by domestic companies in providing services to the oil sector.

According to the Angola News Agency ANGOP who spoke at the proclamation ceremony of the Angolan Association of Geosciences and support for oil sector said 'because his Ministry is responsible for promotion of local content in the oil sector it will present a strategic project for integration and development of domestic enterprise to reduce the importation of goods and services and ensure the diversification of the economy'.

The Executive Secretary of the Nigeria Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB) Simbi Kesiye Wabote said 'In the past eight years, we have focused the thrust of Local Content implementation on Promoting indigenous ownership of equipment used in industry operations; Promoting Oil and Gas Components Manufacturing; Giving first consideration to Nigerian indigenous companies; Ensuring that Nigerian Content targets are met for projects and operations; Creating and Utilizing training and employment opportunities for indigenes; Deploying the Nigerian Content Development Fund for targeted capacity





**HISTORIC MoU: (L-R): Dr. Ibe Kachikwu, Minister of State for Petroleum Resource; Engr. Simbi Wabote, Executive Secretary, NCDMB and Mr. Olukayade Pitan, Managing Director, Bank of industry after the MoU signing ceremony on the implementation of the \$200 million Nigerian Content Intervention Fund in Abuja on August 24, 2017.**

building; Ensuring that local capacity investors have work to amortize investments and Involving oil producing communities in the activities of the sector.'

He said 'The Board's strategic implementation of the NOGICD Act has been very impactful in the Oil and Gas Industry and the wider economy - several Nigerians service companies have invested in sophisticated vessels and rigs – assets that used to be the exclusive preserve of foreign companies. Local firms now enjoy patronage and even exclusivity in certain areas, retaining huge

industry spend in the economy, employing Nigerians and building skills. Many hi-tech fabrications, manufacturing and engineering facilities have also been developed and upgraded, domiciling most industry work that used to be exported. Nigerian Content has also grown remarkably on the production side. Indigenous and marginal field producers now account for about 15 percent of Nigeria's crude oil production.

They also contribute about 53 percent of Domestic Gas Supply requirements, with NPDC, SEPLAT, ND Western, Frontier, 7Energy, Aiteo, etc being major producers. 'A lot

has been achieved in the last one year of the Administration of Engr Wabote more than what was achieved in the last seven years of the Nigeria Content Act, and the Board. This is attributed to the dynamic and robust leadership of the current Board and Management as well as the support of the President Muhammadu Buhari's Administration.

It should be remembered that as at the time the seven years existence of the Act was marked in 2016 there was little to cheer about. Stakeholders were unanimous in their views that local content development in the Nigeria oil and gas industry



still remained unsatisfactorily low and continued inhibit the growth potential of the industry. The Nigeria Content Development and Monitoring Board was established by the Nigeria Content Act of 2010, saddled with the responsibility of increasing indigenous participation in the oil and gas industry, build capacity and competencies of indigenous operators, create linkages to other sectors of the National Economy and also boost industry contributions to the growth of Nigeria's Gross Domestic Product.

But Mr Lee MAEBA former Chairman Senate committee on Petroleum Resources, Upstream and sponsor of the Nigeria Content bill stated that from inception of the NCDMB in 2010 to 2016 not much were achieved in the areas of compliance, as a result 'Nigeria companies are not deriving the optimum benefit of the Nigeria Content Act' he said.

In other to address these shortcomings NCDMB under the able leadership of Engr Simbi Wabote adopted a number of strategies.

Mr Wabote said the strategies were aimed at increasing National Capacity in in terms of local content would help create an enabling environment to attract investors and protect investments made through compliance oversight.



Engr. Simbi Wabote, Executive Secretary, NCDMB; Mr. Rick Perry, United States Secretary of Energy and Dr. Emmanuel Ibe Kachikwu, Minister of state for Petroleum Resources at the Africa Oil week conference in Cape Town, South Africa.

One of the strategies, he said Opportunities fair to showcase include stakeholders available capacities, showcase collaborations to overcome the opportunities in upstream, key challenges in the area of midstream and downstream Macro Economic issues, skills sectors and provide gap, weak sectoral linkages multinationals the opportunity and weak manufacturing base, to link up and utilise in country inadequate critical capabilities. infrastructure and policy inconsistency among others.

Other strategies Mr Wabote said also include the fast track establishment of the five oil and gas parks and the organisation of the Nigeria Content previously. He convened the

Within one month of his Administration as the Chief Executive Officer of NCDMB Mr Wabote was able to fulfil all he set out to do to address the shortcoming experienced previously. He convened the



Nigerian oil and Gas opportunity fair (NOGOF) to aggregate industry business plan which led to the compilation of a compendium of investment opportunities in the country, The Automation of the NOGIC JOS platform. Launch of US\$200m Nigerian content intervention fund among others.

Talking about the intervention fund, The Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board is planning to increase the fund lent to qualified oil and Gas players under the Nigerian Content Intervention fund from US\$100m to US\$200m. An increase in the pool would

ensure that more deserving companies benefit from the fund at the same time.

Key features of the NCI Fund are that the loans will be disbursed directly by the Bank of Industry (BOI) at the single digit interest rate and repaid within five years.

Whereas there were various



(L-R): Mr. Cornells Zegelaar, MD, Addax; Mr. Nicolas Terraz, MD Total, Mr. Jeff Ewing, MD, Chevron; Mr. Osagie Okunbor, MD, SPDC and Chairmani, Oil Producers Trade Section, Engr. Simbi Wabote, Mr Paulo McGrath< MD ExxonMobil and Mr. Massimo Insulla, MD NAOC during a courtesy visit by the OPTS leadership to the NCDMB Headquarters in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State.

intervention funds for the other critical sectors of the economy like Agriculture, Aviation, Mining, and others there was none for the oil and Gas sector before now. The significant aspect of this NCDMB AND BOI fund known as the NCI fund is that it replaced the original model

whereby the NCDF provided partial guarantee and 50 percent interest rebate to service companies who obtained facilities from commercial banks for asset acquisition and project execution. Industry stakeholders experienced difficulties assessing funds under



the NCDF model necessitating Technology Association of inability to access credit which a change of strategy by the Nigeria (PETAN) had often beset manufacturers, described the NCI fund model service providers and other key Board.

Industry stakeholders as a great initiative that would players in the Nigeria oil and including the Petroleum address the paucity and Gas Industry.



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# Modular Refineries

It was indeed a busy tenure for Engr. Simbi Wabote the Executive Secretary of the Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board.

Who is passionate about Nigeria's greatness.

This is a man that is so passionate about Nigeria's greatness and development and is doing everything possible to make Nigeria great

again. Recently Nigeria Content Development and Monitoring Board ( NCDMB) stakes \$10m on Waltersmiths Modular Refinery, an agreement he signed in Lagos and the next Monday he was in Abuja for another National Assignment for a Nigerian Content seminar.

If all the government agencies are this busy and working hard to make Nigeria great the country would be a better

place to be.

In Lagos the Nigeria Content Development and Monitoring Board signed a \$10m equity investment agreement with Waltersmiths refining and petrochemical company limited for the construction of a 5000 barrels per day modular refinery located in Ibigwe , Imo state.

The Executive Secretary of NCDMB Engr Simbi Kesiye







Wabote and the Director of Economic Recovery and Finance and Personnel Managements Mr Isaac Yalah signed on behalf of the Board while the Chairman of Waltersmiths Mr. Abdulrasaq Isah and the Executive Vice Chairman Mr Danjuma Sale signed for the company. Engr Wabote said the investment decision was in line with the Board's vision to be the catalyst for the Industrialisation of the Nigeria oil and Gas industry and its linkage sectors.

He added that the Board was also keen to support Federal Government's policy on modular refineries and meet the key objectives of the Petroleum Industry 's seven big wins launched by President Muhammadu Buhari in 2016. And the

growth programme. It will be recalled that the Federal Government recently announced plans to replace illegal oil refineries with modular refineries as part of a wider plan for the development of the Niger Delta, and the country's oil and gas industry.

The Minister of state Petroleum Dr Ibe Kachikwu said recently that discussions have already begun on the modalities for operating modular refineries. He said "In the past few weeks, we have had open and prospective discussions with some of the refiners and government is assiduously working to ensure this initiative is carefully implemented without destruction to the

environment.

In another development the Nigeria Content Development and Monitoring Board is set to commence a forensic audit into \$200m Nigerian Content Development Fund. Executive Secretary of NCDMB Engr Wabote stated this in Abuja while speaking on the theme 'driving Nigeria's oil and gas industry towards sustained economic development and growth' at a seminar on Nigeria's oil and gas conference. Speaking at the conference Mr Wabote warned that if the Board discovers any sabotage in the remittance of one percent NCDF Charge it will not hesitate to handover such defaulting company to the EFCC. He regretted that despite efforts of the Board to ensure the success of the local content in the country, some International oil companies were in the habit of coming up excuses why the local content cannot be achieved.

He said 'this is no longer acceptable'.

**"This will not only provide a legal job and source of income for the populace, but also contribute to our national productivity."**



# 8<sup>th</sup> Practical Nigerian Content

## Yenegoa, Bayelsa State, Nigeria



Dep. Gov. Bayelsa State, former Ex Sec. NCDMB Engr. Ernest Nwankpa and others



Executive Gov. of Bayelsa State Seriki Dickson



Permanent Sec. Ministry of Petroleum Resources Dr. Efolashade Vemi Ekan













Mrs. Rose Chukwuonwe, Coordinator, Legal Services, NCDMB; Mr. Daziba Patrick Obah, Director, Planning Research and Statistics NCDMB; Engr. Simbi Wabote, Executive Secretary, NCDMB; Ms. Wemino Oyelana, Vice President, CWC Events Africa, Mr. Odiri Umusu, Vice President, Business Development, sub-saharan Africa, after signing a memorandum of Understanding on the organisation of the annual Practical Nigerian Content Forum (PNC) for the next five years.



Engr. Simbi Wabote, Executive Secretary, Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring board, (NCDMB), sounding the closing gong at the Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE). Immediate left are Ms. Tinuade Awe, Executive Director, Regulations, NSE and Mr. Isaac Yalah, Director, Finance and Personnel Management, NCDMB; immediate right, Mrs. Rose Chukwuonwe, Coordinator, Legal Services, NCDMB and Engr. Abayomi Bamidele, General Manager, Strategy and Transformation, NCDMB.



# From The News Desk

... Wabote Calls For Local Content Beyond Oil and Gas



Engr. Simibi Kesiye Wabote

**N**igerian Content Development and Monitoring Board has called for diversification of focus on Nigerian Content beyond the Petroleum Industry in order to give local companies in other sectors of the economy a boost. Executive Secretary of NCDMB Engr Simbi Wabote made this call during a courtesy visit made in conjunction with major IOCs to the Dorman Long Galvanizing plant in Lagos. In his words 'A country with a mono product economy is at great risk and we can see its effects in Nigeria today, so the Board is exploring how they can support the

government to extend what has been achieved in the local content for oil and gas sector to the other sectors of the economy.'

According to him, investment opportunities abound in other sectors like Construction, Telecommunications, Power Projects, Transportation ( Railway and Aviation ) that local content policies and strategies can benefit from.

Wabote expressed his pleasure with the in house facilities at the Dorman Long complex and gave his assurance that NCDMB

will do its own part to create increased awareness within the industry of the existence of a fantastic state of the art galvanizing facility in the company. Civil Society Groups to play key role in Nigerian Content.....Wabote

Civil Society Organizations are set to play a major role in the implementation of the Nigerian Content Act. This is a key outcome of an interactive session organized by the NCDMB for CSOs and advocacy groups in Abuja. The Civil Society will form a special committee under the Nigerian Content Consultative forum and they will use the platform to support the Board's intervention monitoring mechanisms and carry out periodic reporting and disclosure of local content performance by oil and gas companies.

Engineer Wabote urged members of the CSO to raise the advocacy for community participation and support stakeholders to improve their capacities. He said he would collaborate with the Nigerian Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI) to coordinate members of the civil society organizations for this purpose.

Dr Orji Ogbonnaya Orji, the Director of Communications at NEITI described the Board's engagement with CSOs as a confirmation to openness, integrity and corporate governance. He said CSOs could assist the Board to push the boundaries of implementation and carry out advocacy campaigns.



# 235 Vessels built in Nigeria

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**T**he 2016 3rd quarter Report indicated that about 235 vessels operating in the oil and Gas industry were built in the country.

Executive Secretary Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB) Mr Simbi Wabote told News Agency of Nigeria recently that the development was a marked improvement of what was

obtained in 2010.

According to him 2258 vessels are currently operating in Nigeria oil and Gas industry and that 848 of the vessels are Nigerian owned representing 37.56 percent. He has also called for local content beyond oil and gas.

According to him, a country mono product economy is at risk and we can see its effects in Nigeria, 'so the Board is

exploiting how they can support the government to extend what has been achieved in the local content for oil and gas sectors of the economy.'

According to him, investment opportunities abound in other sectors like Construction, Telecommunication, Power projects, Transportation etc. that local content policies and strategies can benefit from.



# NCDMB Helping In The Rebuilding Of The North East

...a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

**A**S part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) The Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board has concluded plans to build 90 homes in the North East Region of the country. This is part of the oil and gas contributions towards rebuilding areas that were devastated by the activities of the Boko Haram sect. The Board is using the Down to Earth model in the intervention which will lead to the acquisition of two Hydraulic Compressed Earth Block Oskam machines for building blocks will be used to build the homes which will have utilities, a Medical Centre and Community gardens.

Mr Abdulmalik Halilu, General Manager Corporate Services and Logistics who doubles as NCDMB Lead on the intervention said the Board will train youths from





the Region on the use of Another key project provided with starter packs Hydraulic Compressed Earth undertaking by the Board and linked to the virtual Block machine with the include the fair chance market.

objective of creating Initiative under which 107 NCDMB will also construct a employment opportunities in internally displaced persons vocational centre deworm, in the subregion. will be trained on different addition to administering

He added that the Board had conducted a detailed study of eventually engaged in the 50,000 pupils in primary the HCEB machine and found construction of the 90 schools in the North East that it is very durable. homes. The trainees will be states.



House of Reps Committee on Local Content with management of the NCDMB during their recent oversight visit to the Board's Headquarters in Yenegoa, Bayelsa State.



Engr. Simbi Wabote, Executive Secretary, NCDMB receiving an Award of Distinguished Service from Engr. Dr. Y.O. Beredugo, former Chairman, Nigerian Society of Engineers, Port Harcourt Branch, at the NSE workshop held in Port Harcourt Rivers State.



(L-R): Engr. Simbi Wabote, Executive Secretary, NCDMB; Gov. Godwin Obaseki of Edo State and Hon. HenryIdahagbon, Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice, Edo State, discussing possible areas of collaboration between NCDMB and Edo State.



# Niger Delta Youths To Acquire Leadership, Self Reliance Skills, Courtesy NCDMB



**T**he Nigerian content development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB) will train youths from the Niger Delta in Leadership and specialized skills to make them self-reliant.

Engr. Simbi Wabote made the pledge when he hosted a delegation of Ijaw Youths Congress (World Wide), led by its President, Pereotubo Oweilami.

The NCDMB chief said jobs in the Oil and Gas industry were limited, hence the need to train youths in other sectors, such as agriculture and construction, in line with Federal Government's drive for the diversification of the

economy.

He said the Board's trainings were informed by a gap analysis, which revealed skills and capacities needed by the Oil and Gas industry. According to him, 60 percent of industry's training budget will be dedicated to providing beneficiaries with specialized skills and international certifications that will guarantee them jobs in Nigeria and beyond. Twenty percent, he said, will be applied to enhancing the skills of those already employed while another 20 percent would be used to provide general trainings and

soft skills to beneficiaries.

Engr. Wabote also debunked rumors that the Board was planning to relocate its headquarters from Yenegoa in Bayelsa State, adding that the Board's 17-storey headquarters building project in the town had progressed up to the 12<sup>th</sup> floor. He added that the Building is a monument, which should reassure community stakeholders that the Board has come to stay in the Niger Delta.

He said the Board established liaison and zonal offices in key cities and oil producing states for operational efficiency, just like other federal agencies and state governments.



# Local Content Board Targets Retention Of \$14bn In Oil Sector



**T**he Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB) projected that \$14 billion out of the \$20 billion spending in shipyards and manufacturing in the oil sector, would be retained in Nigeria by 2027.

The board also made a projection that about 300,000 would be provided by the sector by 2027.

Unveiling the board's 10 years strategic plan at the Oil and Gas Trainers Association of Nigeria (OGTAN), Education Summit (NES) recently in Lagos, the Executive Secretary of NCDMB, Simbi Wabote, said that human capital development is at the core of our 10-year strategic plan.

According to him, the Nigeria oil and gas sector will be a catalyst for the industrialization of the Nigerian oil and gas industry and its linkage sectors in the next 10 years.

Wabote stated: "Increase local content level in the oil and gas industry from 26 per cent to 70 per cent by 2027. Double the value domiciled in the Nigerian oil and gas industry by 2027."

Speaking at the event, the Group Managing Director, Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), Dr Maikanti Baru, called for more collaboration between

the academia and the oil and gas industry on research, to attract investments into country.

He stressed the need for the country to develop and adopt research and development structures that will create opportunities in the industry through risk reduction and production costs.

Baru promised to collaborate with OGTAN to accelerate skills development in the industry, in order to keep pace with changing environment globally.

According to him, research must be prioritised in order to keep up with developmental changes in the world. OGTAN's president, Dr Afe Mayowa, said that the body is working on a couple of projects to encourage researchers in oil and gas and the academia.

Mayowa said that some of the projects were categorised as member companies, in line with international standards, issuance of guidelines for standardisation of training and the establishment of a National Occupation Standard (NOS).

He said that the projects were in conjunction with the NCDMB in fostering collaboration between regulatory bodies, the academia and the oil and gas industry, to help close the gap between the ivory towers and the practical aspects of the oil and gas industry.



# NCDMB Pledges Support For Cable Manufacturers

Cable manufacturers in Nigeria will get all necessary support they need to boost their capacities and meet the expectations of the oil and gas industry, the Executive Secretary, Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB), Engr. Simbi Wabote has said.

The Executive Secretary made the commitment during a recent facility visit to Kabelmetal Nigeria Plc and Miccom Wires and Cables on Thursday in Lagos. He explained that oil and gas operations requires lots of cables, adding that the importation of cables will be resisted since local cable manufacturers are capable of meeting the needs of the oil industry.

He described the importation of

cables as a negation of the tenets of the Nigerian Content Act, assuring that "we will work with you to ensure that those activities are domiciled in the country and your organizations are patronized. We will ensure that players in the oil and gas industry stop importation of cables that can be produced in Nigeria."

In his presentation, the Chief Executive Officer, Kabelmetal Nigeria Plc, Robert Kretschmer, said the company plans to commence the production of shipboard cables which is a new technology. He stated that no Nigerian company had ventured into the production of this type cables because of the technicalities and investments

required.

In her speech, the Chief Operating Officer, Miccom Cables and Wires, Mrs. Bukola Adubi revealed the company's plans to manufacture High Voltage Cables in-country and sought the support of the Board to maximize utilization of local resources especially in the production of raw materials required for the cable production.

While commending the companies for their investments, he charged them to maintain high quality standards, adding that the Board would not support mediocrity in the name of Local Content. He said, "Considering the risky nature and high intensive of this industry, high quality and standards must be maintained."





# IOC'S Pledge To Support

## NCDMB

The Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB) and international oil companies (IOCs) operating in the country have made commitment to fast-track execution of oil and gas projects. This will lead to an increase crude production and create opportunities for the growth and development of Nigerian Content.

The IOCs gave the assurance when the Executive Secretary of NCDMB, Simbi Kesiye Wabote visited some IOCs in Lagos to seek collaboration and get their commitment to support upcoming projects.

Wabote visited Chevron, Total Up stream and Shell with management of the Board and confirmed that NCDMB had adopted

mechanisms that accelerate processing time for Nigerian Content plans, technical and commercial evaluation and issuance of Nigerian Content certificates.

He urged other entities involved in the contracting cycle to adopt similar strategies for the sector to achieve the six-month contract processing target set by the Minister of State for Petroleum Resources, Dr. Ibe Kachikwu. He also expressed the Board's readiness to partner various stakeholders in resolving challenges they have in executing their projects

According to him, the visits were conceived to engage stakeholders, and explain strategies adopted by the NCDMB to foster projects and ensure domiciliation of work scopes and maximization of in-country capacities.

One of those strategies is the categorization of service companies by their capacities, which he said, will be used in the contracting process. He





stressed that all new projects must comply with the provisions of the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development (NOGICD) Act 2010 and urged the operating companies to ensure that their contractors and sub-contractors remit on percent of their contract value to the Nigerian Content Development Fund (NCDF) as required by law.

The NCDMB chief praised the establishment of pipe coating facilities and steel pipe mills in-country and directed operators to patronize the facilities. He said the Board would sanction operators that award contracts without approved Nigerian Content Compliance Certificates (NCCC).

He also informed the companies that the Board was developing a 5-year Road Map for Nigerian

content development. The final document would be shared with stakeholders for their inputs and identification of roles they will play in the actualization.

Speaking at Chevron, Wabote canvassed for the participation of operating companies in the Nigerian content Opportunities Fair which took place in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State.

The goal is to showcase opportunities in upstream, midstream and downstream sectors and provide multinationals the opportunity to link up and utilize in-country capabilities, he said.

He added that "most Nigeria companies do not know when projects will come through so they do not prepare themselves adequately. The fair will provide a platform where we can share

information that are not confidential."

At Shell, the team led by the Vice-President Nigerian and Gabon, Mr. Peter Costello discussed the company's projects including the Bonga Southwest / Aparo (BSWA). They also officially presented their plans to align the project timelines with the Board, achieve early Final Investment Decision (FID) and carry out joint contracting workshops and in-country capacity re-assessment/revalidation among others.

Speaking at Total, Wabote commended the company for its Nigerian Content achievements on the Egina Deepwater project, which helped to sustain many Nigerian service companies despite the crash of crude oil prices.



(L-R): Mr. Cornelis Zegelaar, MD, Addax; Mr. Nicolas Terraz, Mr. Jeff Ewing, MD, Chevron; Mr. Osagie Okunbor, MD SPDC and Chairman, Oil Producers' Trade Section; Engr. Simbi Wabote; Mr. Paul McGrath, MD ExxonMobil and Mr. Massimo Insulla, MD NAOC during a courtesy visit by the OPTS leadership to the NCDMB Headquarters in Yenagoa, State.



# NCDMB

## Seal Deal With International And Indigenous Oilmarketers.

**T**he Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board had recently signed a Service Level Agreement with the major oil producers or International oil companies aimed at reducing the often protracted industry contracting circle. Oil Producers Trade Section (OPTS) is the umbrella body of major international and indigenous operating oil companies. It said the deal commits the 28 member OPTS companies to comply with the provisions of the Nigeria oil and gas Industry content Development Act.

THE koko in the Service Level Agreement (SLA) is essentially meant to make members of the OPTS companies to submit to the NCDMB documents like their Quarterly job forecasts, Nigerian content plans, Bidders lists, Nigerian content Evaluation criteria, Nigerian content Technical bids among other relevant information in relation to industry contracting and procurement circles.

On the other hand the Board pledged to respond on specific timelines and committed that should it fail to meet the set deadlines the companies can proceed with their tendering processes after duly informing the Board.

Executive Secretary NCDMB Engr Simbi Wabote

signed on behalf of the Board while the Managing Director of ExxonMobil Nigeria, Mr Paul McGrath signed on behalf of the OPTS, The Managing Director of AGIP OIL Company (NAOC) Mr Massimo Insulla, Managing Director of Chevron Mr Jeff Ewing and the Managing Director of TOTAL Exploration and Production Nigeria, Mr Nicolas Terraz witnessed the event.

Wabote at the event explained that the SLA with the OPTS was in furtherance of the Boards efforts to meet the target set by the Hon Minister of State for Petroleum Resources Dr Emmanuel The Kachikwu for the Industry contracting circle to be shortened to six months.

Mr Wabote said operations of oil and gas industry were time sensitive adding that shortened contracting cycle would cut the cost of projects considerably.

The independent producers also promised to partner the Board to equip the Petroleum Technology Development Fund's Vocational Training Facility in Port Harcourt, Rivers State to impart key skills currently lacking in the industry.

Wabote noted that the Nigerian Content Act is applicable to every player in the oil and gas industry both major oil marketers and indigenous ones.

He advised indigenous producers to partner the Board to develop Research and Development centres of excellence in country so that the problems encountered in their



Collaboration: Mr. Guisepe Surace, Chief Operating Officer, Dangote Refinery Project with Engr. Simbi Wabote, Executive Secretary after the Board's visit to the projects site.



operations could be resolved locally.

Meanwhile NCDMB, THE Nigerian Agip oil Company (NAOC) and Bayelsa state government are collaborating to build a 25 megawatts Independent Power Plant in the state.

The Independent Power Plant will supply electricity to the Nigeria Oil and Gas being developed by the Board at Emeyal 1, Ogbia local government area of the state. It will also supply power to the Bayelsa government house, the state hospital, NCDMB new headquarters and the Bayelsa Airport.

He said 'we are developing it on the back of NAOC'S Zabazaba deepwater project and the design has been completed'.

### **TALKING ABOUT THE DEEPWATER PROJECT.**

The Nigeria Agip oil Company and the Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board have committed themselves to speedy development of the Zabazaba and Etan Deepwater project in compliance with the provision of the Nigerian Content Act.

NAOC is developing the project in partnership with Shell Nigeria Exploration Company. Engr Wabote promised the Board's timely review of the contracts tenders and execution of the necessary approvals in view of the urgent need to increase the country's crude oil production and shore up National Revenue. The

project would utilize existing in country capacities and facilities while exceeding the Nigerian content performance achieved in TOTAL'S EGINA Deepwater project, including the partial in country integration and fabrication of the Floating, Production, Storage and Offloading (FPSO) platform.

Massimo Insulla Managing Director of NAOC pledged the company's compliance with the ACT to create jobs for Nigerians and retain growth in the economy.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS OF NCDMB will lead to ban on importation of many items such as PPEs.**

SINCE the enactment of the Nigerian Oil and gas industry content development ACT the Board has clawed back for Nigeria significant benefits from on going oil and gas projects and operations. For instance there are more indigenous players in the Nigeria oil and gas industry now than any other time before the act. Nigerian companies are executing major projects including FPSO integration of topsides in country. There is more in country spend, more Nigerians are taking over technical and senior positions in the International Oil companies (IOCs) and ownership of more oil and gas assets are now in the hands of Nigerians. In the area of domiciling of oil and gas equipments manufacturing giants strides have been made.

Executive Secretary of the NCDMB Engr Simbi Wabote said 'no doubt much has been achieved on the back of the Local Content Law, but a lot more could still be achieved to realize the Federal Government's agenda for job creation, Economic Diversification and Industrialisation in the context of the initiatives espoused in the Petroleum Industry

Road Map launched by President Muhammadu Buhari in October 2016. Interestingly, the Federal Government is poised to extent local content philosophy to other critical sectors of the Economy, hence the growing clamour for Made In Nigeria Goods or preference for local goods and services in all public procurements.'

It is in line with this that operators in the oil and gas sectors are calling on the Federal Government to ban importation of certain products that can be produced locally.

One of such ban it noted should be extended to personal protective clothing otherwise known as COVERALS as there exist sufficient local production capacity.

Mr Tunde Adelana Director Monitoring and Evaluation NCDMB who represented Engr Wabote stated that the Board will ensure that players in the oil and gas industry stop immediate importation of coveralls. He revealed, 'these materials are already being produced in Nigeria and we have sufficient local capacity.'

Engr Wabote said 'we have local capacities in manufacturing of pipelines, cables, paints, etc. that be utilized in the construction and power sectors of the economy. Our service providers are also being encouraged to venture into the construction sector to utilize their equipment and project delivery expertise'.



# Dynamic years of Local Content Act in the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry

By Simbi Wabote



**I**t's been eight years since the enactment of the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development (NOGICD) Act, arguably the most successful economic policy of the Federal Government in the last two decades. It's heartening that the implementation has remained on the front burner of four successive Federal Administrations, giving the lie to the narrative that governments in Africa are too

eager to jettison policies initiated by their predecessors. In fact, the remit of the Nigerian Content implementation is being broadened beyond oil and gas as part of diversification of the economy.

Two out of the five Presidential Executive Orders issued by the administration of President Muhammadu Buhari are specifically in support of Local Content - Presidential Executive Order 003 which mandates

Support for Local Content in Public Procurement by Ministries, Departments and Agencies of the Federal Government and Executive Order 005, for the "Planning and Execution of Projects, Promotion of Nigerian Content in Contracts and Sciences, Engineering and Technology." These instruments have reaffirmed President Buhari administration's unequivocal support for Local Content and deep conviction of its



importance to the attainment of the Economic Growth Recovery Plan (EGRP) and wider socio-economic goals of the nation.

The Senate and the Federal House of Representatives are also working to amend the Nigerian Content Act, so it would extend to the Power, Information Communication Technology and Construction sectors.

Weeks ago, the Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Walter Onnoghen and other Justices of the Supreme Court gave huge endorsement to the Nigerian Content Act. The occasion was the first national seminar organised for Justices and Judges on the Role of the Judiciary in the development of the Nigerian Local Content Law and Policy.

Today, Nigeria is widely regarded as a model in Local Content implementation in Africa and the Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB) has been mentoring several countries on the development of their own policies. The famous American Management guru and author, John Maxwell wrote in the book, 'Everyone Communicates Few Connects' that "everything rises and falls on leadership." This maxim resonates well with NCDMB where the Board's successes have been built on the focused management it had enjoyed from inception and support from government, even much more from the current Minister of State for Petroleum Resources, (HMSPR) Dr. Emmanuel Ibe Kachikwu. The Minister stated recently that NCDMB is one of the agencies under the Petroleum Resources ministry that has been blessed in terms of personnel selection and leadership since inception in 2010.

The Local Content journey started formally from the report of a Presidential Committee inaugurated in 2001 to suggest

reforms in the Oil and Gas industry. Prior to the NOGICD Act, the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) used oil block bid rounds to enforce some level of Local Content Policies enshrined in extant Petroleum statutes. The Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) would later set up the Nigerian Content Division within its system and issue Nigerian Content directives to the industry. The absence of a regulatory framework limited the best efforts of the DPR and NNPC, especially as operators and service companies complied only on best endeavour basis.

The enactment of the NOGICD Act 2010 and subsequent establishment of the NCDMB ushered a paradigm shift. Before then, nearly all fabrication, engineering, and procurement for the Oil and Gas Industry were executed abroad. It is estimated that the national economy suffered capital flight of about \$380 billion dollars in the first 50 years of oil production in Nigeria and lost opportunities to create over two millions jobs. The level of Nigerian Content was less than five percent, partly because preceding administrations and most citizenry focused on revenue derivation from the Oil and Gas sector.

In the past eight years, we have focused the thrust of Local Content implementation on Promoting indigenous ownership of equipment used in industry operations; Promoting Oil and Gas Components Manufacturing; Giving first consideration to Nigerian indigenous companies; Ensuring that Nigerian Content targets are met for projects and operations; Creating and Utilizing training and employment opportunities for indigenes; Deploying the Nigerian Content Development Fund for targeted capacity building; Ensuring that



local capacity investors have work to amortize investments and involving oil producing communities in the activities of the sector.

The Board's strategic implementation of the NOGICD Act has been very impactful in the Oil and Gas Industry and the wider economy - several Nigerians service companies have invested in sophisticated vessels and rigs - assets that used to be the exclusive preserve of foreign companies. Local firms now enjoy patronage and even exclusivity in certain areas, retaining huge industry spend in the economy, employing Nigerians and building skills. Many hi-tech fabrications, manufacturing and engineering facilities have also been developed and upgraded, domiciling most industry work that used to be exported. Nigerian Content has also grown remarkably on the production side. Indigenous and marginal field producers now account for about 15 percent of Nigeria's crude oil production. They also contribute about 53 percent of Domestic Gas Supply requirements, with NPDC, SEPLAT, ND Western, Frontier, 7Energy, Aiteo, etc being major producers.

Even though the Oil and Gas industry is not a high employer of



labour like Agriculture and Construction, our bullish implementation of Nigerian Content has helped create over 30,000 jobs and funneled about 5,800 young persons in various projects based trainings. The total value of contracts awarded to Nigerian companies in the industry has risen to 83 percent while average Nigerian Content retention in-country has shot up to 28 percent. Although many stakeholders are pushing for increased NC performance, it is imperative to note that the implementation is a marathon and not a sprint.

On January 24 2018, the biggest Nigerian Content milestone to date was attained when the Total E&P's Egina Floating Production Storage and Offloading (FPSO) vessel arrived the SHI-MCI Yard, LADOL Free Zone, Lagos for the integration of six modules that were fabricated in Nigeria. The arrival of the FPSO is a huge testament to the giant strides Nigerian Content development has made, particularly in the development of infrastructural and human capacities.

Going forward, NCDMB has set new targets for itself and the industry. We have developed a 10-year strategic road map with which we are pushing to retain at least \$14bn out of the \$20 billion annual industry spend and create 300,000 direct and indirect jobs. We also hope to grow aggregate in-country value addition from 28 percent to 70 percent by 2027. These targets are backed with specific initiatives such as completion of five planned oil and gas parks to grow local manufacturing, establishment of two additional pipe mills, local fabrication of modular refineries; attaining at least 50 percent FPSO Integration in-country during the implementation of the world-class Zabazaba and Bonga SouthWest Apapo projects.



In the last year and six months since I assumed duty as the Executive Secretary of the NCDMB, we have sustained the momentum of implementation and injected some fresh impetus. Our first major activity was to convene the Nigerian Oil and Gas Opportunity Fair (NOGOF), to aggregate industry business plan. This culminated in the compilation of a compendium of investment opportunities in the industry. We launched the \$200 Million (USD) Nigerian Content Intervention Fund (NCI Fund) in partnership with the Bank of Industry (BoI). The Fund offers a single digit interest rate with five year tenure and we hope to unveil the first set of successful applications in a few weeks. Our goal with the NCI Fund is to optimize the capacity and efficiency of our local supply chain and the overall competitiveness of our Oil and Gas Industry.

We also issued Guidelines to drive Research and Development implementation in the Oil and Gas Industry. This was followed by the Nigerian Oil and Gas R & D Fair held in September 2017 to sensitize and galvanize the industry and relevant stakeholders to embrace the culture of research and innovation, a key parameter for sustainable local content practice.

We concluded the bid evaluations for NAOC's Zabazaba Deepwater project within an unprecedented period of 14 months, in line with the directive of the Honorable Minister of State for Petroleum Resources to reduce the protracted contracting cycle in the industry.

Just recently we held the ground breaking of the pilot Nigerian Oil and Gas Park Schemes (NOGAPS) at Odukpani, Cross River State. Dr Kachikwu has confirmed he would personally perform the ground breaking of the second park being sited at Emeyal-1 in Ogbia Local Government Area of Bayelsa State. The parks will spur manufacturing of equipment components and spare parts that would be utilized in the industry. Each will create about 2000 jobs when it begins full operations.

As we lead the rest of the industry to mark the 8th anniversary of the Nigerian Content Act, we congratulate all industry stakeholders for their various contributions to the achievements recorded so far. We must all be proud of the jobs we have created, the value we have retained in-country and the sense of pride we have brought to our country.

Let me also hasten to add that Nigerian Content is not about Nigerianisation but has the main objective of domiciliation and domestication of value-adding activities in-country. We welcome investors far and wide to set up in our dear country Nigeria for unrivalled returns.

Our 10-year journey has just begun. Please come on board so that together we could catalyze Nigeria's industrialization and bequeath to our youth a virile economy.



# National Content Champions



**LADOL**  
LIMITLESS OPPORTUNITIES  
INDUSTRIES  
WEST AFRICA

**LADOL..** The Executive Secretary has applauded the pace of work at the Lagos Deep Offshore Logistics Base (LADOL) Enigma FPSO. Mr Wabote stated this in Lagos when he led a team of his officials and other top Industry service providers as well as International Oil Companies on a facility tour of the base in Apapa Lagos. LADOL is currently playing host to the fabrication of a US\$3.8billion oil and Gas logistics service facility commonly known as the Floating Production Storage and Offloading FPSO rig otherwise known as Egina project. The project which had been applauded as first of its kind in Sub Saharan Africa is been handled by the Korean based Samsung Heavy Industries on behalf of TOTAL OIL Exploration with LADOL serving as its local content partner. He said the indigenous oil and Gas Logistics service provider is a testimony of the success story of the local content law in Nigeria.





# Nigerian Content Champion

## **NIGERDOCK..** Nigerdock has remained at the forefront of developing

Nigerian capacity in accordance with the NOGICD Act achieving a remarkable number of industry first for an indigenous company. It delivers in every aspect of the Act, particularly in skilled job creation and is a leading training and development provider. Nigeria is recognised in the industry as the Nigerian content champion. Infact Nigerdock emerged the only one in its markets to be listed among the best 100 companies to work for in Nigeria, according to Jobberman's latest ranking.





Collaboration on maximizing Local Content Engr. Simbi Wabote with Alhaji Aliko Dangote President, Dangote Group of Industries, after firming up an agreement on maximizing Local Content in the construction of Dangote Refinery project

## **DANGOTE OIL..**

Dangote oil Refining company a division of Dangote Industries Limited, the company awarded a contract to M.A.N Diesel and Turbo SE (MDT), Germany to provide equipment and Associated Technology services for its grassroots integrated refining complex now under construction in Lagos.





## Intels Nigeria Limited

Intels is a leader in the provision of logistics support services to the country's oil and gas sector. The company manages the Onne Oil and Gas Free Zone, which is fully dedicated to oil and gas, with approximately 165 companies working out of the complex. Intels is also managing three ports in the country on behalf of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA).

The company has created over 8,000 direct employment opportunities, together with substantial transfer of technology. The promoters have invested massively in the Free Trade Zone. Its services include transit and supply base, dedicated base concept and agency for support vessels, equipment rental, among several others.





# COMMENDATION BY STAKEHOLDERS:



## MINISTER OF STATE PETROLEUM DR IBE KACHIKWU

I commend NCDMB for the work it has done. I don't know where the Industry would have been without the Board. I thank the Executive Secretary Engr Wabote particularly for his very innovative steps. He came in and gave the agency a lot of push. I am looking for a 50 percent growth in five years. We are going to push very aggressively and am hoping the oil industry will help us in achieving that..

## EXXONMOBIL MD.....

The Managing Director of ExxonMobil Mr Paul McGrath has said compliance with the provisions of the Nigerian Content Act is a good strategy for improving profitability and sustainability of operations. This he said is aside from being a legal and moral obligation. Mr McGrath spoke when the NCDMB management visited the company in Lagos. He highlighted the collaborations Exxon Mobil had enjoyed from the NCDMB saying that it contributed to the company's successes. He also pledged the company's support for the Board's initiatives. He said ExxonMobil was prepared for staff exchange between the two organisations adding that it would open a liaison office at the Board new headquarters in Yenegoa, Bayelsa state, when completed.



## SHELL MD

### ...NIGERIA CONTENT A VERITABLE TOOL FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Managing Director..The Managing Director of SHELL Nigeria Exploration and Production Company (SNEPCO) Mr Bayo Ojulari has described the local content Law in Nigeria's oil and Gas industry as a veritable tool for National Development. He also listed six conditions that would make local content to work in Nigeria oil and gas industry. One of such conditions, he pointed out, is the stability of government policies. He added that the NCDMB should cease to be a policeman and assume the role of an enabler.. He made this known at the maiden edition of the West African International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference held in Lagos recently.



Mr. Bayo Ojulari

## OBI JACKSON GROUP...

### Local Content Law Boosting Growth of Indigenous Companies

Oil services and Fabrication company Obi Jackson group has commended the implementation of the Local content Laws by the Federal Government which he said created opportunity for indigenous oil and gas companies to grow. Assistant General Manager Group Business Development Obi Jackson Group Simeon Tor Agbide said Local content Law has recorded great success in creating home grown skills in the country's oil and gas sector of the economy. He said the local content law has opened the floor for indigenous companies to prove that they were capable of playing competitively in the international oil and gas scene. According to him, Nigerian companies have the capacities to carry out contracts efficiently like other foreign companies dominating oil and gas sectors of the Nigerian economies adding that it clearly means that the Nigerian Local content Act is a success because Nigerians companies, Technicians and Engineers have acquired expertise and built capacity that has increased indigenous participation in the nation's oil and gas sector.



Ernest Azudialu-Obiejesi



## QUOTE FROM DAFE STEPHEN SEJEBOR, GROUP GENERAL MANAGER, NAPIMS



“ the Executive Secretary of the NCDMB has injected the level of passion, dedication and energy to the role at all levels previously unseen.

Given this prior experience and pedigree as an oil and gas executive at echelon, I am not surprised that Simbi has stamped his print of excellence in such a short time.

It has been an absolute delight working with Simbi and I look forward to continue collaboration and alignment with him and the entire NCDMB organization in the days ahead”.

## NATIONAL PETROLEUM INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES (NAPIMS)

National Petroleum Investment Management Services (NAPIMS) is a Corporate Services Unit (CSU) in the Exploration and Production Directorate of NNPC. It is charged with the responsibility of managing Federal Government investment in the upstream sector of the Oil and Gas industry. NAPIMS' objective is to enhance the Margin accruing to the Federal Government through effective supervision of the Joint venture companies, Production sharing companies and Service Companies through adequate supervision of Budgets and Performance and ranking of projects that gives higher returns on investment to Federal Government. NAPIMS is also engaged in the direct exploration of the frontier and inland basins.





## Ibe Kachikwu Laud Wabote On His Achievements

**M**inister of state Petroleum Resources Ibe Kachikwu had commended the Executive Secretary of the Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board Engr. Simbi Wabote for the excellent job he is doing in developing the local content mandate by creating employment, economic activities and bringing government policies to the people.

The Minister stated this recently at the Inauguration of the OIL AND GAS CITY project. The Minister assured that the oil and gas project would be completed within its time frame, adding that he would like to be remembered as a minister who did not abandon any project after leaving office.

Addressing community leaders at the groundbreaking ceremony of the project in Emeyal, Bayelsa state, He said ' President

Muhammadu Buhari completely believe in this project, he thank you for the audacity of hope and the challenge to develop self help and the cooperation you gave to NCDMB, he has promised to do everything within his powers to ensure that this is not one of the projects that are started and abandoned.'

The Minister said when completed the park would bring the localization of indigenous companies to the state to engage in fabrication, pipe milling, procurements and gas related technology.

Mr Kachikwu said President Buhari had achieved so much in the oil and gas sector since he assumed office and said the Federal Government had done very well to reposition the sector.

He said from zero percent, investment in



the sector was increasing in excess of US\$60b following innovative financial concepts introduced by the government. The Minister added that the government tackled the issue of peace which brought oil producing from all time low of N800,000 barrels to over two million barrels a day.

He said ' without getting into politics this sector has performed very well, when we came in, we looked at our institutions NNPC, NCDMB, DPR and if you go back into these institutions they are not what they were when we came'.

It would be recalled that the Minister recently inaugurated oil and gas project in Bayelsa state. Situated on a 25 hectares of land, the park, when completed will generated at least 3,000 jobs. It will create a regional low cost manufacturing hub for the production of equipment and spare parts for the country's oil and gas industry.

The multibillion dollar project is the brainchild of of the



MD, Nigerian Liquefied Natural Gas Company, Engr. Tony Attah and Engr. Simbi Wabote after signing Service Level Agreement on Compliance and timelines.

Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board under the dynamic leadership of its Executive Secretary/CEO Simbi Wabote. Wabote and his Board designed and developed it in line with the new vision of the government for the Niger Delta.

He is also working to ensure that such Industrial city is replicated in five oil producing states of Cross Rivers, Akwa Ibom, Imo and Delta states. Already the project had taken off at Odupani in Cross Rivers state and also in Bayelsa state.

According to Mr Wabote the parks will accommodate

warehouses, Manufacturing shops floors, factories, training centres, hostels, , Administrative Blocks,, mini estates, security posts,, fire station including truck parking and loading areas.

He said the parks will have uninterrupted electricity supply. He described the groundbreaking as a critical steps to achieving the Board's mandate.

And in keeping with President Muhammadu Buhari's security agenda the Chief Executive Officer of NCDMB appealed to host communities in Bayelsa state to protect the project, he warned against any attempt to stop work at the project site.



# Quotable Quotes

## Of Engr. Simbi Wabote

'No doubt much has been achieved on the back of the Local Content Law, but a lot more could still be achieved to realize the Federal Government's agenda for job creation, Economic Diversification and Industrialisation in the context of the initiatives espoused in the Petroleum Industry Road Map launched by President Muhammadu Buhari in October 2016. Interestingly, the Federal Government is poised to extend local content philosophy to other critical sectors of the Economy, hence the growing clamour for Made In Nigeria goods or preference for local goods and services in all public procurements.'

.....Engr Simbi Wabote at the SUMMIT RIDING THROUGH THE STORM.

Operators in the oil and gas sector will no longer be allowed to import personal protective clothing otherwise called coveralls, as there exists sufficient local production capacity.

.....Engr Simbi Wabote, at the commissioning of Kay Global Garment Factory in Warri, Delta state.

Local Content guarantees security of supply which reduces cost significantly. All over the world, local content, reduces cost. If you do it correctly and stay the course. You are assured of the security of your facility if you involve the locals'

.....ENGR WABOTE AT LAGOS DEEP OFFSHORE LOGISTICS BASE.



Engr. Simbi Wabote

The new frontier will include additional in country capital retention of at least \$14b out of the \$20b annual industry spend, creation of 300,000 direct and indirect jobs, growth of aggregate in country value addition from the current 26 percent to 70 percent by 2027, this will involve the completion of at least one of the five oil and gas parks, establishment of two additional pipe mills, local manufacture of LPG gas cylinders, establishment of one dry dock facility in country, local fabrication of modular refineries, 50 percent FPSO integration in country.

.....ENGR SIMBI WABOTE AT THE SUMMIT

THE Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board accomplished all the targets it set for 2017

.....ENGR WABOTE at the 2017 practical Nigerian Content Workshop in Uyo, Akwa Ibom state capital.

we have local capacities in manufacturing of pipelines, cables, paints, etc. that be utilized in the construction and power

sectors of the economy. Our service providers are also being encouraged to venture into the construction sector to utilize their equipment and project delivery expertise'

.....ENGR WABOTE IN UYO

We pioneered the development and deployment of Service Level Agreement (SLA) ahead of any other MDA to accelerate the ease of doing business. Henceforth SLA will govern our interface with with operators and other stakeholders. The aim is to remove unnecessary bottleneck and red tapes which impede approvals and impact bottom line.'

ENGR SIMBI WABOTE AT THE SUMMIT, NEXT FRONTIERS OF NIGERIA CONTENT.

WE have begun systematic expansion of our operations to the midstream and downstream sectors, thus the Board is now more involved in the business activities of the NLNG and Dangote Refinery. The goal is to grow indigenous capacity and extract more Nigerian content value from these huge projects'.

.....Engr Wabote

'A country with a mono product economy is at great risk and we can see its effects in Nigeria today, so the Board is exploring how they can support the government to extend what has been achieved in the local content for oil and gas sector to the other sectors of the economy.'

.....Engr Wabote during a courtesy visit to Dorman Long Galvanising Plant in Lagos.





## Wabote Receives Global Award For Local Content Advocacy

**E**ngr. Simbi Kesiye Wabote, Executive Secretary, Nigerian Content Development and monitoring Board, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November in Cape Town, South African received a global award of excellence for outstanding contributions to sustainable local content development in Nigeria and across Africa's Oil and Gas Industry.

The award was announced by the organizers of African Oil Week (AOW), the ITE Group Plc with the approval of the AOW Advisory Board at the PetroAfricanus Dinner, which held inside the Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel, Cape Town as part of the events marking AOW's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

AOW is a premier international oil and gas

summit, which brings together over 70 governments, national oil companies, investors, regulators, licensing agencies and leaders of major oil and gas companies that shape the continent's upstream hydrocarbon landscape. It's a foremost platform for business intelligence and transaction in Africa's upstream oil and gas industry.

Reading the citation for the award, Paul Sinclair Conference Director, Africa Oil Week on behalf of ITE Group Plc, highlighted the considerations for Engr. Wabote's selection and suitability for the award, which include his ongoing unprecedented contributions to localization of industry knowledge and expertise, monumental capacity development programs in Nigeria with cross border impacts, trenchant advocacy of the





imperatives of local content practice and benefits, smart regulations and rare leadership capacity to balance dialogue between international commercial ventures and national interest. He stated that in the 25years history of AOW, this is the first time an award was given for Local Content excellence by ITE Group.

In his acceptance speech, Wabote expressed delight at the honour and recognition by AOW/ITE Group, noting that the award was significant as "it communicates AOW's acknowledgment of the Board's programs and strategies for localizing industry knowledge and capacity development". He paid glowing tribute to President Muhammadu Buhari for giving him the opportunity to serve his country and to champion national economic interest through local content advocacy

and implementation under NCDMB banner.

He therefore dedicated the award to the entire staff and management of NCDMB for their high sense of duty, patriotism and absolute commitment to local content regime, noting "this award would not have been possible with their constant support for me".

Other recipients of the AOW Silver Jubilee Celebration awards include to Mr. Conrad Gerber (a posthumous award received by his daughter, Laura), Barbette van Gessel, South African, Chief Executive Officer of Global Pacific & Partners, Founder and President of Global Women Petroleum and Energy Club, Duncan Clarke, Zimbabwean, author, Founder and Chairman of the Board, Global Pacific & Partners, a

private advisory firm based in London and Mr. Samuel Dossou-Aworet, Benin Republic national, a Pan-African Businessman, Founder and Chairman of Petrolin Group recognized for his strategic and pioneering role in the promotion and development of major oil companies and African companies in several African countries including Seplat in Nigeria.

It was a night of glitz and glory, well attended by dignitaries Honorable Minister of State for Petroleum Resources, Dr. Emmanuel Ibekachikwu, Dr. ABC Nwosu, Chairman Seplat, Austin Avuru, Luca Rigo de Righi (Chevron, Houston) and representatives of other major oil and gas companies from various parts of the world.



## Seven Modular Refineries Boost Nigeria's Self-sufficiency Drive NCDMB Invests \$10m In Waltersmith's 5000 Bpd Modular Refinery



**S**even licensed refineries with the ability to process 181,000 barrels of crude oil per day (bpd) have progressed towards completion stage in their attempt to contribute to Nigeria's self sufficiency in petroleum refining.

For example, the 5,000 bpd Waltersmith Refining & Petrochemical Company Limited's modular plant, which is capable of producing naphtha, kerosene, diesel, and low pour fuel oil has made significant progress the Company's Approval To Construct (ATC) has been granted by the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) while Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contract terms have been agreed with VEIEM.

The Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) review session with DPR has been conducted and the company is closing out funding with Africa Finance Corporation.

Also the Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB) on Friday in Lagos signed a \$10 million equity investment agreement with Waltersmith Refining & Petrochemical Company Limited for the construction of 5,000 barrels per day modular refinery to be located at Ibigwe, Imo State.

Other companies, which have made similar progress are Clairgold Oil & Gas Engineering Limited, Niger Delta Petroleum Resources, Dee Jones, Energia Limited,

The Executive Secretary of NCDMB, Engr. Simbi Kesiye Wabote and the Director of Finance and Personnel Management, Mr. Isaac Yalah signed on behalf of the Board while the Chairman of Waltersmith, Mr. Abdulrasaq Isah and the Executive Vice Chairman, Mr. Danjuma sale signed for the company.

Under the share holders Agreement and the Share Subscription Agreement, the Board took 30 percent equity in the modular refinery.

The Executive Secretary of NCDMB, Engr. Simbi Wabote said the investment decision was in line with the Board's vision to be the catalyst for the industrialization of the Nigerian oil and gas industry and its linkage sectors.' The Board was also keen, he added, to support the Federal Government's policy on modular refineries and meet the key objectives of the Petroleum Industry's seven Big Wins launched by President Mohammed Buhari in October 2016 and the Economic Recovery and Growth Program (ERGP).

According to him, "we have our exit strategy in place to ensure that the refinery reverts back as a fully owned, privately run modular refinery as our role is clearly defined as a catalyst."

He also commended Waltersmith for developing a bankable proposition, stating that "they sorted out the project feasibility, regulatory approvals, and other pertinent details before reaching out to the Board with the value they are bringing to the table and a clear definition of the support they seek."





## NCDMB And EFCC To Collaborate More

**T**he management of Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB) and the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) plan to forge more effective collaboration for quick investigation of serious infractions by oil and gas companies in Nigeria. Engr. Simbi Wabote, the Executive Secretary, NCDMB, who led the management of Board, dropped this hint during a courtesy visit to the Acting Chairman of the EFCC, Mr. Ibrahim Mustafa Magu at the Commission's new Head Office Building in Jabi, Abuja on Tuesday. According to him, "we plan to refer serious fraudulent discoveries from the audit to the Commission for further action", he intimated. On the essence of the visit, Wabote stated "the Board will like to initiate the development of a MoU between the two agencies to enable quick deployment once the services of the Commission are required". He pointed out that "we regularly receive alerts via the whistleblowing portal on our website. We do our bit to investigate such alerts and believe some of the major findings may be candidates for referral to EFCC".

Engr. Wabote noted that the EFCC is "one of the key agencies driving one of the core programs of His Excellency, President

Muhammadu Buhari", adding that the Commission "has succeeded in building a reputation for itself locally and internationally as a fearless fighter in the war against corruption". Thus, his Board is fully aligned with Mr. President's fight against corruption. Which is why the Board attends to requests for information or clarifications about contract and oil and gas transactions under EFCC investigation expeditiously.

He stated the Board has put in place an Anti-Corruption and Transparency Monitoring Unit, headed by a senior member of the management team, to promote anti-corruption and ethical behavior and to investigate any internal infractions. To foster a deeper relationship, Wabote indicated that the Board needs more support on the investigative side of our activities and the expertise of EFCC. In his reply, the Acting Chairman of EFCC, Mr. Magu expressed delight at the visit and commended Engr. Wabote for the bold move to enlist the support of EFCC. He stated that his Commission has partnered successfully with other government agencies to contain fraud and financial malpractices. He emphasized that the fight

against corruption should be viewed as everybody's fight in Nigeria because it is the only way to save the economy from being wrecked by corrupt individuals.

He thanked NCDMB for the measures and structures put in place to promote transparency and ethical behavior. He urged every stakeholder in Nigerian to join the fight and to preach against corruption in their spheres of influence. He promised that his Commission is ready and willing to support the NCDMB to recover any money due it as an agency of the federal government. He expressed the desire for local content practice to be extended to other important sectors of Nigerian economy.

The Executive Secretary of NCDMB was accompanied to the Commission Engr. (Dr.) Ginah O. Ginah, General Manager, Corporate Communications/Zonal Coordination, who is also the Head Anti-Corruption and Transparency Monitoring Unit in the Board; others in the visiting team included Barr. Naboth Onyesoh, Manager, Corporate Communications, and Mrs Gloria Onajero (Head, Abuja Liaison Office), FaridBlell and Victor Amabebe. On the part of the EFCC, the Acting Chairman, Mr. Magu, Mr. Osita Nwajah, Director, Public Affairs, Mr. Wilson Uwa'arem, Head Media & Publicity and Mr. Oia Olukoyede, Chief of Staff to the Executive Chairman were on ground to receive the NCDMB team.



# NCDMB To Commence Forensic Audit Into \$200m NCDF Contribution



**T**he Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB), is set to commence a forensic audit into its \$200 million Nigerian Content Development Fund (NCDF).

Executive Secretary, NCDMB, Mr. Simbi Wabote, gave the hint while speaking on the theme "Driving Nigeria's Oil & Gas Industry towards Sustained Economic Development & Growth at the Nigerian Oil and Gas (NOG) Conference, Nigerian Content Seminar which opened in Abuja yesterday.

NOGICD Act of 2010 gave the Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB), the mandate to manage the Nigerian Content Development fund (NCDF) and deploy it for projects, programmes and activities directed at increasing Nigerian content in the oil and gas industry.

The Act equally provides that one percent of every contract in the upstream sector of the Nigerian oil and gas industry shall be deducted at source and paid into the fund.

Speaking at the forum, Wabote warned that if the Board discovers any sabotage in the remittance of the one percent NCDF charge, it will not hesitate to hand over the defaulting company to the EFCC.

He regretted that despite efforts of the Board to ensure the success of the local content in the country, some international Oil Companies were in the habit of coming up with excuses why the local content cannot be achieved.

All forms of sabotage are being brought against us, we will stand our ground to ensure that local content is achieved at all cost, "he said operating companies under its joint Qualification Scheme (JQS) are 46 companies in all, while the service companies are 7,184 with individual registrations at 114, 743.

Wabote while highlighting the 10 strategies which he promised to work on to increase national capacity over a 5-year period, said the Board was making progress in that regard.

"Today, I want to provide progress status of those strategies in line with my conviction that yearly seminars and conferences like this should also be used to provide and receive feedback on actions taken or promises made to make the events worthwhile, Permit me to provide very brief highlights on the status as follows,"

On stakeholders' collaboration to overcome key challenges on skills gap, weak sectoral linkages, policy inconsistency and other issues, Wabote said the Board had engaged Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF) and Petroleum Training Institute (PTI) to streamline its areas of intervention in human capacity building.

We have engaged NNPC NAPIMS on in country capacity utilization. Other stakeholders engaged by the Board include; NEPZA, NCAA, OPTS, IPPG, DPR, and others.

"Strategy No.2 was to fast track the establishment of 5 oil and gas parks. We have commenced site developments works on two of the parks in Bayelsa and Cross River states. Architectural and detailed engineering design works are on going for the parks in the Akwa-Ibom and Imo States. Land acquisition are in progress for the ones in Delta and Edo states. In line with the directive of the Minister of State for Petroleum Resources, we are looking at the establishment of similar parks in other geo-political zones of the country.

For the third strategy on Nigerian Content Opportunities Fair (NOGOF), we held the maiden edition in Uyo, Akwa Ibom state and we have published the compendium of opportunities in the oil and gas industry as promised.

On Strategy No.4, we promised to hold the R&D Fair. This was done in September 2017 in Lagos with a very resounding success. Some of the actions from the Fair are being implemented as I speak.



# Wabote Bags Fellowship Award for Engineering Excellence

**E**ngr. Simbi Kesiye Wabote, Executive Secretary, Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board was on Thursday in Port Harcourt, Rivers State inducted as a fellow of the Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS), University of Port Harcourt for his exceptional accomplishments in engineering, strategic management and local content leadership in the Oil and Gas Industry. The prestigious award was part of the flagship program of the Institute's 15th Induction Ceremony/Exhibition which took place at Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, University of Port Harcourt. Wabote is one of the two persons admitted to fellowship of the Institute this year. The second person is Hervochon Joel, a French national and Executive Director, Deep

Water District, TUPNI, Lagos.

Both professionals were inducted for their distinguished career in the oil and gas sector, spanning nearly thirty years.

IPS was established fifteen years ago in collaboration with Institut Francais du Petrole et Energies Nouvelle (IFP/New Energy), the Ecole du Petrole et des Monteurs (IFP School), Paris, France. It was established primarily as a Centre of Excellence in Geosciences, Drilling and Production technology, petroleum economics, policy and strategic studies. The goal of the Institute is to provide topnotch academic and hands-on education for young professionals to meet the needs of the Nigerian Petroleum Industry through a commitment to





excellence in training, applied research, continuing education and capacity building. The main sponsor of the Institute is the Nigerian National Petroleum Company (NNPC)/Total E & P Nigeria Limited (TEPNG) Joint Venture.

In the citation read by the Institute, Mr. Wabote was described as an "experienced and excellent professional ... who has recorded huge successes in the various assignments so far carried out, making him an effective and resourceful manager who is able to groom and manage divers and high performing teams". According to the Institute, Wabote's spectacular performance across a wide spectrum of functional responsibilities in the Oil and Gas Industry, traversing engineering, procurement, process improvement, compliance and corporate governance, business and operational efficiency, local supply chain development and global local content leadership have distinguished him as

an engineer and manager par excellence.

In his presentation titled, "Sustaining Productivity in the Plateau Phase of Growth", Engr. Wabote who was also the 15<sup>th</sup> Induction Guest Lecturer commended the Institute and University of Port Harcourt for the honor. He postulated that it is imperative for the Institute and the industry as whole to pursue sustainable productivity in plateau phase of growth of oil and gas production and value addition in Nigerian and not give room to decline due to complacency.

He commended "Total/NNPC JV for its efforts, dedication, and continual support to developing human capacity by adopting the University of Port - Harcourt to domicile IPS and creating a conducive learning environment for Nigerians to attain and share knowledge". He enjoined the sponsors of the Institute, "ensure you don't get into the plateau of complacency as it can only result in decline".



The Executive Secretary of the Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB), Engr. Simbi Wabote (right), being presented with the OGTAN Local Content Award by former Vice President of World Bank, Dr. Oby Ezekwesile.



# More Content Achievements



**T**he Executive Secretary, NCDMB, Engr. Simbi Wabote presented a scorecard of the Board's performance in 2018, dwelling particularly on the Nigerian Content 10-year strategic roadmap.

On the USD200 million Nigerian Content Intervention Fund (NCI Fund) launched to provide funding support to local service companies, Wabote stated that USD21 million has been given out as loan to beneficiaries as at the end of October. "In 2019, we intend to develop and launch our investment policy to further provide flexibility to our funding and investment interventions" he said.

He also hinted that in 2019 the Board "plans to support the establishment of at least one more modular refinery and participate in the LPG value chain if the condition precedent are in place"

NCDMB had in 2018 taken 30 percent equity in the 5,000 barrels per day modular refinery in Ibigwe, Imo State and commenced the construction of oil and gas parks at Bayelsa and Cross River States.

On the provision of constant power to the parks, Wabote said a thermal power plant was being constructed by the Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC), which would also serve the oil and gas park in Bayelsa state while discussions are ongoing to source electricity from the NIPP station in Odukpani, Cross River State to supply the park situated close-by.

Other plans for 2019 include the finalization of the review of Offshore Rig Acquisition Strategy and posting of 20

trained marine personnel being trained by the Board, for their 1 year international sea time in fulfilment of the requirement for the Certificate of Competency (CoC).

The Executive Secretary also reported that the Board has commenced the forensic audit of remittances to the Nigerian Content Development Fund and fulfilled its promise to put in place 3<sup>rd</sup> party monitors to enhance compliance monitoring in the upstream, midstream, and downstream sectors of the industry.

He added that "By 2019, we intend to deepen and widen the roll-out of third party monitoring service providers for effective monitoring of the 51 operating companies and close to 8,000 oil and gas service providers registered on our NOGIC-JQS. In addition, we will further expand our compliance and enforcement framework to cover marginal field operators, midstream and downstream sectors."

He said the Board have established collaborative efforts with the Nigeria Customs Service, EFCC, NNPC, NAPIMS, Nigeria Immigration Service, FAAN, OGFZA, National Judicial Council and NLMASA and would sharpen those inter-agency collaborations going forward.

In his remarks, the Governor of Bayelsa State, Hon Seriake Dickson, commended the NCDMB for being a good corporate citizen in the state and expressed hope that the completion of the Board's 17-storey headquarters would lead to more oil and gas deals being sealed in the state, so the citizenry would derive maximum benefits.



# Minister, GMD NNPC laud Nigerian Content Achievements



**T**he Minister of State for Petroleum Resources, Dr. Emmanuel Ibe Kachikwu and the Group Managing Director of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), Dr. Maikanti Kacalla Baru led other industry leaders to commend the Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB) for the numerous achievements recorded in the implementation of Nigerian Content in the oil and gas industry.

They spoke Tuesday at the 8<sup>th</sup> Practical Nigerian Content Workshop, organised by the NCDMB and CWC, in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State and pledged support to deepen the implementation of policies and initiatives that would increase in country value addition in the oil and gas sector.

According to Kachikwu the impact of Nigerian Content in the oil industry has stimulated other sectors like Information & Communication, Automobile, Construction and Power to adopt some of the templates in their policy formulations.

"We are also proud that some African countries like Kenya, Congo Brazzaville and Uganda as well as Gabon and Angola have come to Nigeria in the past for mentorship on Local Content initiatives," he added.

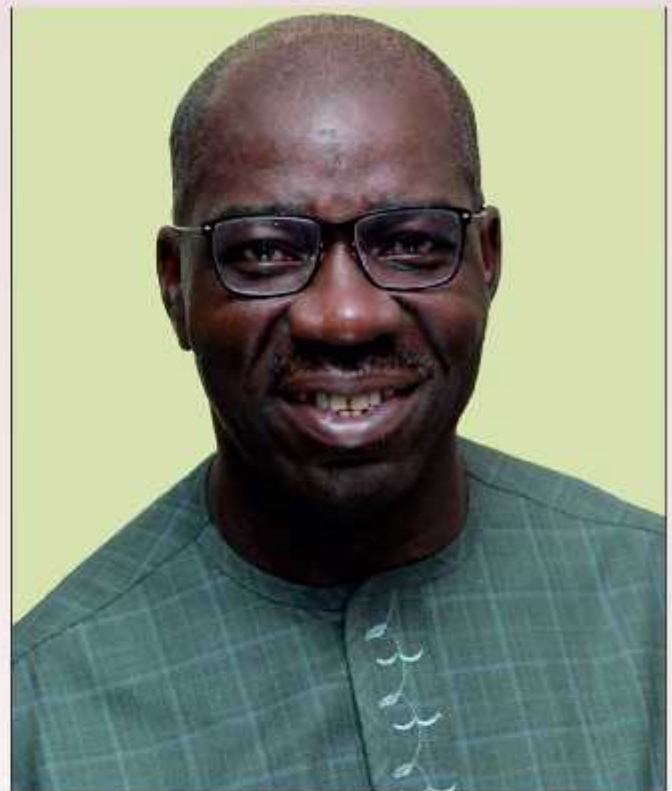
The Minister who was represented by the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum Resources, Dr. Folashade Yemi, promised the commitment of the Federal Government to promoting robust private sector participation in the oil and gas sector and ensuring ease of doing business in the economy in general.

Also speaking, Baru said NNPC was pleased to see the achievements of Local Content in various sectors of the Nigerian economy. He noted that in "in 2010, the available in-country capacity for line pipes was 100,000 metric tonnes, just 10 percent of the annual industry demand of one million MT/annum. However, today, through the robust collaboration of NCDMB with NNPC and other stakeholders, the capacity of line pipes has been ramped up to 420,000MT/annum, representing 40 percent of industry demand."

The GMD reaffirmed "NNPC's commitment to compliance with the provisions of the Nigerian Content Act, to increase in-country value addition and support job creation. We will also continue to encourage our partners to do the same.

"NNPC is fully committed to NCDMB's agenda for the next ten years, to increase Nigerian Content in the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry to 70 percent by 2017."





## **NCDMB, Edo Govt. partner on Enterprise Park**

**T**he Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB) would partner the Government of Edo State in the development of the Benin Enterprise Park (BEP).

The Executive Secretary NCDMB, Engr. Simbi Wabote made the commitment when Governor of Edo State, Mr. Godwin Obaseki led a delegation to the Board's Abuja liaison office.

The Edo Enterprise Park (BEP) is being sponsored by the Edo State Government and Amaya Capital – a principal Energy investment firm, as a private-sector led industrial park. BEP aims to provide efficient and competitive infrastructure to international and local companies. The project will be developed in phases over a 900 hectare location along the Benin-Sapele highway and would have a designated area for oil and gas service companies.

The project is expected to benefit from a dedicated gas pipeline with direct interconnection to natural gas trunk line and a direct gas sales agreement with reliable gas suppliers.

According to Obaseki the project would take advantage of "significant gas reserves within the state, being on the route of the core Escravos to Lagos gas trunk line with capacity of approximately two billion cubic feet of gas per day."

In his response, the Executive Secretary commended the concept of the Edo Enterprise Park (BEP) and affirmed that the Board would partner the Edo State Government in the development. He confirmed that NCDMB made budgetary provision for the Edo Oil and Gas and Park in the 2018 budget, particularly for land acquisition.

He said the Board would also be willing to partner the Edo Government to catalyze other sectors of the economy provided

there would be return on such investments. "There is a lot we can do in the gas corridor in Edo. We have to diversify from crude oil in order to change the thinking in the Niger Delta."

Also, in a similar development, another success story has been recorded with the 100 per cent local content input in the development of Oredo Integrated Gas Handling Facility (IGHF).

Speaking during a tour of the NPDC's Oredo Flow station, Oredo Integrated Gas Handling Facility (IGHF), as well as the Oredo LPG Dispensing Facility, all in Edo, the Group Managing Director of NNPC, Dr. Malkanti Baru, said he was proud that a world-class facility was being put in place by a Nigerian engineering contractor in conjunction with another Nigerian company, the NPDC.

Speaking further, the NNPC boss stated, "The IGHF is currently at 80 per cent completion. When completed in December, it will make provision of dehydration of gas and liquid extraction.

"It is expected to also produce both liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) and Propane, in addition too dry gas to the Escravos Lagos Pipeline System (ELPS)" he said

He described the Oil Mining lease (OML) 111, where the gas projects were located, as one of the most significant assets of the NPDC.

"You could see that right from the well-design through to reception of the various liquid to the processing and disposal of the various outputs, it is fully indigenous. So, it cannot be better than this," he added.

He said the LPG Dispensing Facility strategically offered 30 per cent solution for Nigeria's domestic LPG market which would translate into extra cash flow for the company





*NCDMB Executive Secretary, Engr. Simbi Wabote (right), and the Air Officer Commanding, Mobility Command, Air Vice Marshall Olufemi Idowu, during a Courtesy Call at NCDMB's Glass House in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State. Below: Officials of the Mobility Command & the NCDMB.*

## Partnering For Safety Of Oil And Gas Installations: The NCDMB – NA – NAF Way

**T**he Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB), had disclosed its plans to collaborate with the Nigeria Air force (NAF), the Nigerian Army (NA) and other security agencies in the country in the manufacturing and procurement of military hardware and accessories.

NCDMB Boss, Engr. Simbi Wabote, dropped this hint during various interactions with officials of the NAF and the N.A. respectively.

In a Keynote address titled "Local Content Development in Nigeria's Defense Sector, an Imperative for National Development", delivered at the Nigerian Army Research and Innovative Summit in Abuja recently, the Executive Secretary described Research and Development (R&D) as the key to sustainable Nigerian Content growth and development.

According to him, the NCDMB has established Research Centres of

Excellence in five universities across the country, including the Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS), the University of Port Harcourt, University of Benin Centre for Geo-Science and Petroleum Engineering, Rivers State University Centre for Marine Engineering, Rivers State University Centre for Marine Engineering, among others.

Engr. Wabote who was represented by the NCDMB Director of Research and Development, Mr. Patrick Obah, also urged the Army to incorporate Local Content requirement as a key condition for its procurement of armoured cars, software, intelligence gathering equipment, as well as in the production of uniforms, bullet-proof vests, building and maintenance of war ships in Nigerian ship yards and local production of boots and helmets.

He called on the Army to equip the Nigerian Defense Academy (NDA) as a Centre of Excellence for Research, link with relevant industry to progress findings to the stages of development, or

commercialization where necessary, and initiate specific projects for technological advancement.

On his part, the Chief of Army Staff, Lt-Gen. Tukur Buraita, promised that the Nigerian Army will enhance its commitment to Research and Development as a way to improving the capacity to contain the nation's security challenges.

High point of Summit was the call on the armed forces - the Army, the Navy, the Air Force and the Police, as well as other para-military agencies, to adopt a particular type of rifles in order to enable the Defence Industries Corporation of Nigeria (DICON), to set up local manufacturing lines for weapons, saying that the present status quo makes the local manufacture of rifles difficult.

Earlier, during a courtesy call on him by the leadership of the Mobility Command of the Nigerian Air Force in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State, the NCDMB Boss, Engr. Simbi Wabote, also said that the Board will collaborate with the Air force in Safeguarding various oil facilities across the Niger Delta area.



# Solving Funding Challenges To Create Over 300,000 Jobs

**T**he \$200m Nigerian Content Intervention Fund was created to fund indigenous businesses in the oil and Gas sector will create over 300,000 jobs opportunities directly or indirectly.

The Executive Secretary of the NCDMB Engr Simbi Wabote who stated this recently during a capacity building workshop for Media men in Bayelsa state said it will also reverse the unhealthy foreign dominance in the sector where only a very small percentage of the huge resources spent annually is retained in the country while a colossal sum find their way out due largely to inadequate infrastructure.

The Executive Secretary who was represented by the Board's Director of Finance and Personnel Management Mr Isaac Yalla said the financial cover of the fund is a comprehensive scheme which deals with contract financing for Nigerian oil service providers, Contract Financing for oil and Gas community Loan re financing to service companies that already have facilities with

Nigerian banks.

According to him, this is a practical expression of NCDMB's efforts to institutionalize financial support for indigenous service companies operating in the industry.

He however warned that the fund is not a grant or a National Cake for sharing saying beneficiaries of the fund who default in repayment would face the music.

Speaking in the same vein the General Manager of the Nigerian Content Intervention Fund Dr Obinna Ofili said the fund is a basket of fund created outside the NCDMB which is realized from a deduction of one percent of all contract projects and activities in the Upstream oil and Gas sector of the country.

## THE NIGERIAN CONTENT INTERVENTION FUND IS

To access single digit interest loans

- (1) Manufacturing Loans
- (2) Asset Acquisition Loan
- (3) Contract Finance Loan
- (4) Loan Re financing
- (5) Community contractor Finance scheme.





# Moving Forward

– Wabote

**A**s a part of my activities since assumption of office eight months ago, I have criss-crossed the nooks and crannies of Nigeria on facility visits together with some industry stakeholders. During these visits, I saw world class fabrication yards, plants, factories and training facilities of varying sizes and sophistication. These tours were opportunities to know, firsthand, the state of the industry and, in addition, gather data. From what I have seen, there is no oil and gas input we cannot deliver in-country.

Indeed, a huge pool of local supply chain capacity and capability has been built in Nigerian oil and gas industry within the last seven years. This is a testament that the Local Content has grown from a paltry five percent value retention in 2010 to 26 percent in 2017. But that's not where we want to be!

Our goal in the next 10 years is to push for a phenomenal growth up from the current 26 percent to 70 percent value retention by 2027. To achieve this target, we have to be more innovative to localize knowledge and industry activities, not just to increase local participation, but also to engender long term competitiveness and sustainability, foster sectoral linkages and promote community participation for inclusive economic growth.

We have developed a 10-year Strategic Road Map to guide our journey to the next level. The milestones in the road map are to improve NCDMB's roles in upstream through closer monitoring of indigenous and marginal field operators and to play a more active role in the midstream and downstream sectors.

Clearly, Bonga South West Aparo and Zabazaba are key products in our line of sight to achieve the new target. Our aim is to surpass the Nigerian Content performance under Egina deep water project. In addition, based on the outcome of the Opportunity Fair we organized last March in Uyo, we hope to see others projects come on stream to catalyse the realization of our new target. As we often say in the Board, 'no projects, no local content'. We need these projects – Greenfield – to deepen the local content sustenance and growth.

We intend to enhance the establishment of dry-docking facilities in-country and pursue, actively, the plan to bring, at least, two oil and gas parks on stream before 2027. We will actively pursue the goal to foster linkages with power, ICT, construction, steel, and mines and also push hard to facilitate regional market for Nigerian service companies. We are also making improvements internally to ensure effective service delivery in our determination to reposition the Board for optimal performance.

In the maiden edition of this magazine, I indicated that we will reset NCDMB's strategies and processes by making them smart enough to ensure timely approvals and eliminate service failures. This has already begun.

For instance, ahead of any other government MDA, we pioneered the development and use of Service Level Agreements (SLAs). We signed the first SLA with NLNG in May 2017. We intend to replicate the model with other stakeholders. Hence, we have written to the OPTS members to key in because, going forward, SLAs would be our new template for driving collaboration in the industry. This is indicative of how far the Board is willing to go to encourage businesses and Nigerian content performance.

Interestingly, our innovative SLAs are in concurrence with and reflect the Federal Government's policy on Ease of Doing Business in Nigerian. Thus we are energized by the Executive orders signed by the Acting President, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, on the Ease of doing business and support for Local Content in all procurements.

Similarly, the fact that the National Assembly has begun the process to extend local content regime to other critical sectors of the economy gives us more impetus to push on and to move Nigerian Content to the next level.



# NIGERIA OIL AND GAS PARK SCHEME (NOGaPS)



**T**he Nigeria Oil and Gas Park Scheme (NOGaPS) is one of the Board's flagship projects that will further help alleviate poverty and unemployment in the oil and gas producing communities. Under the scheme, the NCDMB will develop world-class oil and gas park in each of the nine (9) oil producing states of Nigeria, that will serve as manufacturing hub for equipment and component parts that are used in the oil and gas industry.

**The primary objectives of NOGaPS are to:**

1. Attract domestic and foreign direct investment to oil producing states.
2. Promote community participation in manufacturing and other industry activities.
3. Develop and integrate the local supply chain to support Oil and Gas operations.
4. Foster mentoring of local SMEs by international OEMs for mutual benefits.
5. Facilitate new business start-ups, technology acquisition and competitiveness.

6. Provide a range of made in Nigeria goods for the Oil and Gas industry.

7. Attract at least 15 OEMs to set up in the 3 parks (5 per location).

8. Create over 10,000 direct, indirect and induced jobs.

9. Retain industry spend on procurement of goods.

10. Promote training and development – SIWES, skills acquisition.

Some state governments have welcomed the scheme and helped in facilitating the necessary approvals for the Board to commence work. Construction work for phase 1 of NOGaPS is scheduled to commence in 2017.

**Milestones:**

Acquired land in three (3) States – Bayelsa, Cross River and Imo State

Commenced EIA studies and land clearing for sites in Bayelsa, Cross River and Imo State.

Developed marketing strategy for NOGaPS





## NIGERIAN CONTENT DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING BOARD (NCDMB) CELEBRATES DEMOCRACY @ 19



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We celebrate with all Nigerians at our country's 19 years of uninterrupted democratic governance. We are happy to have used the implementation of the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act to:

1. Democratize access to credit for eligible Nigerian oil and gas service companies and community contractors to single digit loans under our \$200m Nigerian Content Intervention Fund (NCIFund)
2. Create over 2000 direct and indirect jobs for Nigerians with the start of civil works in two of our Nigeria Oil and Gas Parks under construction
3. Facilitate the establishment of the first FPSO integration facility at Ladol yard, the first in the West Africa, create 10, 000 direct and indirect jobs
4. Nigerianize over 1,027 positions held by foreigners in the oil and gas industry
5. Train over 5,760 Nigerians to fill critical skills gaps in Oil and Gas Industry
6. Develop and deploy a 10-year strategic road map, increase local content to 70% by 2027, targeting creation of new to 30, 000 direct and indirect jobs
7. Retain \$14bn (USD) out of the annual industry spend of \$20bn (USD)
8. Put more oil and gas facilities and equipments in the hands of Nigerians
9. Drive increases in the total value of contracts awarded to Nigerians by the oil and gas industry to 83 percent
10. Industrialize Nigeria with the start of work on two sites of Nigerian Oil and Gas Park Scheme.

We remain committed to expanding the benefits of oil and gas to spur economic diversification and inclusive growth in Nigeria.



L-R: Dr. Emmanuel Ibe Kachikwu, Minister of State for Petroleum Resources; Mr. Kemel Obara, Secretary to Bayelsa State Government and Engr. Simbi Wabote, Executive Secretary, NCDMB performing the ground breaking of the Nigerian Oil and Gas Park at Enyea-1, Ogbia LGA, Bayelsa State.



L-R: Engr. Simbi Wabote, Executive Secretary, NCDMB; Dr. Yemi Osinbajo, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum Resources; Dr. Emmanuel Ibe Kachikwu, Minister of State for Petroleum Resources and Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, Vice President, Federal Republic of Nigeria at the Nigeria International Petroleum Summit in Abuja.



L-R: Dr. Emmanuel Ibe Kachikwu, Minister of State for Petroleum Resources; Engr. Simbi Wabote, Executive Secretary, NCDMB; Mr. Dlukayode Phan, Managing Director, Bank of Industry after the MOU signing ceremony on the implementation of the \$200 million Nigerian Content Intervention Fund in Abuja.



L-R: Mr. Nicholas Terroz, Managing Director, Total Exploration and Production Nigeria Ltd; Dr. Emmanuel Ibe Kachikwu, Minister of State for Petroleum Resources and Engr. Simbi Wabote, Executive Secretary, NCDMB after inspecting the Egin FPSO vessel at the SHI-MCL Yard, LADOL Free Zone, Lagos.

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# NCDMB

## HEAD OFFICE PROJECT

**ONE MILLION MAN-HOURS WITHOUT LOST TIME INJURY  
THE JOURNEY SO FAR**

**T**he Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB) Head Office Building Project was conceived in 2012. It consists of a 17 floor ultra-modern office building, a four-floor multi-level car park building and a conference building, with state-of-the-art facilities. The Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) Contract was awarded to Megastar Technical and Construction company with proven competence within the industry, in 2015.

Megastar Technical and Construction Company Limited started in February

2nd, 1988 as an indigenous building and civil engineering construction company. MTCC is focused on quality production, efficient and timely delivery for clients in the public and private sectors.

In May 2015, the project site was handed over to MTCC. Currently, work has progressed to the 12th floor and God willing, all structural works will be completed by the end of the year.

On the 29th of July 2017, MTCC celebrated 1 million man hours without LTI. The company, whose slogan is ...to

build what others dream, prides itself on high safety and quality standards. While MTCC has marked the 1 million man-hours with LTI in good spirit, the focus of the day was not on celebration but rather on creating awareness and the need to be consistent.

The NCDMB project site has various nationalities working in the same environment, made up of Nigerians from the North, East, West and South, as well as experts from Europe and Asia. MTCC has an exceptional local content policy that encourages the transfer and nurturing of skills within the region we operate in; over the long term, this allows MTCC strengthen the skills base of Nigerians.

MTCC's major success factors for quality production are primarily clarity of scope (includes clear specifications), quality input resources (personnel, materials and equipment) and a strong Project Management Team.

The following is an excerpt from the Managing Director's speech during the celebration of the 1 million man-hours without LTI

Megastar is pleased to welcome you and declare open the 1 million man-hours ZERO LTI Celebration with the theme, "I Stand for HSE". This is taking place on the 29th of July, 2017, at NCDMB Project site, Ox-bow Lake, Yenagoa, Bayelsa State.

The objective of the celebration is to drive home good teamwork spirit and enhance safe operating system. All employees and contractors are encouraged to get together and make time to focus on standing for health, safety and environment at all times. It is a day to celebrate NO FATALITY and good practice on our project. It is a day to say thank you for what you are doing on site. We are not yet there. We must enforce our commitment to working together in building a safe workplace for ourselves, visitors, contractors, and the host community.

Please be reminded that we are available to support all operations in accordance with standard best practice as recorded in our ISO Certification 9001:2008. We are desirous to keep to standards and procedures in our operations.

We believe that we can collectively take another important step towards our successful completion of this project. "YES WE CAN" should be our common language. NCDMB project for MEGASTAR is a possibility with you.

We plan to safely build an office complex to International standard that others dream about.

For more information on MTCC, please visit [www.megastarnig.com](http://www.megastarnig.com)



