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Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu

# Sanwo-Olu's 10 Unforgettable Projects In 4 Years

By Rasaq Adebayo

**W**hen he was sworn in as the governor of Lagos State on May 29, 2019, Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu came up with a THEMES Agenda to guide his administration on the projects to be

executed in his 4-year tenure.

Sanwo-Olu committed to a "Greater Lagos" that the government would achieve through six pillars of development. The components are THEMES and would form the basis for assessing the governor in the next

four years.

THEMES represents Traffic Management and Transportation; Health and Environment; Education and Technology; Making Lagos a 21st Century State; and Security and Governance.

"Lagos must again rise and help lead this nation to fuller

progress and to a closer realisation of the greatness that exists within all Nigerians," Sanwo-Olu had said.

The governor has since gone into action on various fronts, most notably the challenge of traffic management and transportation.

Managing the

challenge of transportation takes prime place in THEMES deservedly. Traffic Management and Transportation would challenge the policy and execution capacity of the new Lagos State Government.

In his four years of governance that ends today, the citizens

have seen his handwriting on various aspects of their lives.

To be on the record, ECHONEWS presents the scorecard of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu's administration in line with the six-pillar THEMES developmental agenda.



TRAFFIC  
MANAGEMENT AND  
TRANSPORTATION

The Sanwo-Olu-led government completed Phase 1 of the Blue Line Rail Project from Marina to Mile 2. It commissioned the Agege Pen Cinema Dual Carriage Flyover with Adjoining Roads in Agege. It also acquired two sets of brand new 10-car Metro Trains for the Lagos Rail project, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA.

Other projects accomplished in the Transportation sector include the flag-off of the Ojota-Opebi Link Bridges and Approach Roads; the acquisition of three Trains for the Lagos Blue Line Rail Project; the launching of 1,000 Cars for Lagos Ride Taxi Scheme; the launching of the First and Last Mile Bus Scheme and commissioning of newly

acquired High-Capacity Buses and medium-capacity buses to reduce dependence on Okada (commercial motorcycle) as a means of transportation in the State.

Others are junction improvement and reconfiguration at the 1st and 2nd Roundabouts in Lekki, Allen Avenue, Ajah, and Igando; recruitment and deployment of 1,017 LASTMA officers in various locations; construction and rehabilitation of 301 inner roads in 20 Local Government Areas (LGAs) and 37 Local Council Development Areas (LCDAs), and other major roads across the State; commissioning of Lagos-Ogun Network of Roads with Bridge, Phase II in Agbado-Oke Odo LCDA; commissioning of Mafoluku Bus Terminal, Airport Road and Yaba Bus Terminal, Yaba; groundbreaking of the Lagos Rail Mass Transit



Agege Pen Cinema Dual Carriage Flyover

Red Line Project and handing-over compensation cheques to affected property owners.

In Water Transportation, the Sanwo-Olu administration has increased investment in passenger ferries, with the large one having the capacity to carry up to 60 while the medium size carries 40 passengers.

LASWA is building a Control and Command Centre for the safety and security of passengers using water transportation. This effort is complemented by the installation of navigational equipment on waterways.

His accomplishments in the transportation sector also include the commissioning of seven new High Capacity Boats and the launching of the Cowry Card for Water Transportation, the rehabilitation of a network of roads (Thompson Avenue,

Milverton Road, McDonald Road, and Lateef Jakande Road) in Ikoyi, Eti-Osa Local Government Area, Milverton and Thompson in Ikoyi to Adeola Hopewell and Adeola Odeku on Victoria Island, Demurin and Church Street in Kosofe to Buba Marwa Road and Navy Town in Ojo, Soluyi Street to St. Finbarr's Road as well as Iwaya Road in Somolu-Bariga, Sobo Arobiodu and Oduduwa Way in Ikeja to Aradagun Road and Hospital Road in Badagry, Jimoh Odutola and Babs Amimashaun in Surulere to Egan and Camp David Roads in Alimosho.

It also recorded success in the completion of Phase 1 of the Lagos-Badagry Expressway (Agboju to Trade Fair), the 13.68km Oshodi-Abule Egba BRT corridor, commissioning of Ishefun-Camp Davies – Ijon – Liasu Ojo –Ijo Road Network with Jetty

and Isuti Road in Alimosho Local Government Area, commissioning of Phase 1 of the 6.05km Road from Ijede to Itamaga in Ikorodu, commissioning of Network of Roads in Victoria Island, commissioning of a network of Roads in Kosofe Local Government, and completion of Phase I of the six-lane rigid-pavement 18,75km Lekki-Epe Expressway, stretching from Eleko Junction to Epe T-junction.

HEALTH AND  
ENVIRONMENT

A significant feat in the health sector was the proactive and efficient management of the Covid-19 pandemic by the Sanwo-Olu administration. Lagos, being the national epicentre of the pandemic, its robust response as an administration in

partnership with the Federal Government and private sector, played a game-changing role in addressing the Covid-19 pandemic.

The State had a comprehensive renovation of medical facilities at Ebute-Metta Health Centre, Harvey Road Health Centre, and General Hospitals at Odan, Isolo, and Ketu-Ejinrin.

Sanwo-Olu, within his four years in office, commissioned the School of Anaesthesia at Badagry General Hospital; built a 300-bed Isolation Centre and a Research Institute at IDH, Yaba; commissioned the Mother and Child Centres (MCCs) in Eti-Osa, Igando, Badagry, and Epe; commissioned Regional Emergency Infrastructure (New LASEMA Response Unit) at Epe, and launching of Mother, Infant, and Child (Mich) Initiative.

To create a healthy

environment, the governor invested significantly in the waste collection capacity of LAWMA with the delivery of 102 Brand New Compactor Trucks and 100 Double Dino Bins for the Lagos State Waste Management Authority (LAWMA).

Cleanliness of drainage and beautification of parks; timely maintenance of dumpsites and expansion of the 42-acre Olusosun site, for quicker waste-disposal trucks turnaround time and support for the 'Lagos 4 am' Programme designed to stem indiscriminate waste disposal across the metropolis; completion of the channelization of several ferry routes, notably the 6km Ijede-Badore, the 7km Bayeiku-Ajah, the 16km Ebute Ojo-Marina, and 16km Ijede-Marina routes; and commission of jetties in eight local governments.





Eko Excell

EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY

During his first term in office, there was a year-on-year increase in budgetary allocation to education and integrated technology into the school curriculum. The administration built over 1,047 new classrooms in less than four years, touched about 197 new school projects, provided over 200,000 chairs and benches, and provided 2,000 hostel new beds in model schools. It introduced EKO EXCEL - an education reform programme targeted at developing highly skilled teachers through training, support, and motivation. The EKO EXCEL initiative has reached about 1,009 schools, 13,000 teachers, and 450,000 pupils.

Over 2,000 teachers were recruited for public secondary schools and stretched the opportunity for continuous learning with the establishment of additional 21 Adult Literacy Centres, which took the number of such centres in Lagos State to 1,284. Governor Sanwo-Olu presented Car Gifts to 13 Outstanding Teachers at the Lagos State Teachers Merit Award 2021 and 2022. Other projects include the commissioning of a newly built Hostel, Block of Classrooms, and other facilities at Lagos State Model College, Igbokuta, Ikorodu; the commissioning of a newly-built containerised modular classroom block in Vetland Junior Grammar School, Agege;

commissioning of newly built Elemoro Community Junior Secondary School, Ibeju-Lekki. The global ranking of Lagos State University (LASU), the state-owned tertiary institution, is a reflection of the level and quality of support provided to tertiary institutions in Lagos State by our administration. LASU moved to prominence and occupies a regal position in the hierarchy of universities in Nigeria. Commissioning of the newly built Student Union Arcade at Lagos State University, Ojo; establishment of new two state universities - Lagos State University of Science and Technology and Lagos State University of Education respectively; award of bursary and scholarship to

students. To make the State a smart state, the government laid 3,000km of fibre across the State under the PPP model. Riding on the Fibre infrastructure is the Smart City Project, which will enhance traffic management and security, with the planned installation of about 2,000 cameras at strategic locations. The test run has begun, with the installation of about 150 smart cameras on our streets; Established by the Lagos State Science Research & Innovation Council (LASRIC) to drive investment in the research and development of tech-focused solutions.

MAKING LAGOS A 21ST-CENTURY ECONOMY

The government

addressed some of the challenges dimming the brightness of Lagos State as a 21st Century Economy. It repealed the 2018 Land Use Charge Law, which was replaced by a 2020 Property Land Use Charge Law and Regulations. While the new Land Use Charge Law was a response to public agitation for the reduction in the Land Use Charge, the administration gained better insights from its engagement with the affected categories of citizens and deployed the same in amicably resolving 1,250 out of the 1,418 Land Use Charge complaints. In housing, the administration has completed and commissioned 19 housing projects, among which are 360 home units in Igbogbo, Ikorodu; 252 home units in

Idale, Badagry; 84 home units, LagosHoms, Lekki Phase 2; 132 home units at the BRF Housing Estate, Iponri; 120 Units Igbokushu, Lekki; Keys handed to 492 beneficiaries of the Lateef Jakande Housing Estate, Iganado; LagosHOMSIgbogbo 2B Housing Scheme in Ikorodu; 744 Units Of LagosHOMSin Sangotedo, Ajah; 100 Housing Units (Bayview Estate) In Ikate, Lekki; Ibeshe Housing Scheme and Ground Breaking of Phase II at Ikorodu. In the area of Energy, the administration would be connecting 20,000 households to electric metres. It facilitated the signing of an MoU between Eko Disco and NDPHC to dedicate 400 megawatts to Lagos State.





264 units of flats, Lekki



The Maternal and Child Centre (MCC) and the inner view at Badagry General Hospital commissioned

**FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURE**  
On Food Security and Agriculture, the administration launched a five-year Master plan for Agriculture to boost food production and strengthen the sector. The State handed over cheques to 1,340 beneficiaries of the World Bank-assisted Lagos Agro-Processing, Productivity Enhancement, and Livelihood Improvement Support (APPEALS) Project; empowered 600 residents with ingenious business ideas to the tune of N4 billion through the Lagos State Empowerment Trust Fund (LESTF) W-initiative in collaboration with Access Bank and commissioned the FADAMA Food Market at Agbalata,

Badagry to promote the structuring of agricultural produce marketing in the State.

**ENTERTAINMENT AND TOURISM**  
The administration was committed to facilitating the development of the sector through empowerment and partnership. It constructed J.K Randle Centre for Yoruba History, Lagos Theatre in Badagry, Badagry Museum, and major Tourist attractions in Badagry. Working with the Federal Government to rehabilitate the National Arts Theatre Iganmu into a world-class entertainment, fashion, music and technology, and cultural hub as a deliberate and purposeful mission to boost the tourism appeal of Lagos

State ; commissioning of revamped Glover Memorial Hall, Lagos Island. It embarked on empowerment drives

through partnerships with the Ebony Life Academy and Del York Creative Academy, where no fewer than 2,000 youths were receiving training in different aspects of Cinematography; such as Scriptwriting, Directing, and others, intending to unlock the huge talent and potential in the creative arts space. The administration also launched the Lagos Creative Initiative (LACI) for focused development of the creative industry, which has birthed the 100-hecter Lagos Film City in Ejinrin; gave financial support above N1 billion to operators to cushion the effect of Covid-19 on the industry.

**SECURITY AND GOVERNANCE**  
Governor Sanwo-Olu, in his first four years in office, handed over

operational vehicles, communication gadgets, ballistic vests and helmets, anti-riot water cannon vehicles, and Armed Personnel Carriers (APCs) to various security operatives to further enhance and improve their operations which ultimately had a positive impact on the security status in the State. Recruiting additional personnel into the Neighbourhood Security Watch to complement the efforts of the existing security personnel, no fewer than 4,000 youths have been placed in companies under the Internship programme, and many more promised to join. The Volunteer Corps has more than 9,000 young people. The administration also met the needs of some Lagosians, especially the vulnerable and less privileged through the Sanwo-Olu Listens Initiative.

Other achievements in this aspect include the commissioning of remodeled Abesan Youth Centre at Ipaja, the launching of the Use of Body Worn Cameras by Officers of the State's Law Enforcement Outfits, the launching of the State's E-Portal Learning Management System (LMS); signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Lagos-Ogun Joint Development Commission in Abeokuta, Ogun State, as well as handing-over of cheques to Lagos Athletes in addition to the presentation of keys to a 3-Bedroom Flat To 1996 Olympic Medalist, Chioma Ajunwa. It is expected that the governor would surpass his records in his second term in office as Lagosians are looking forward to his new agenda directions.



Blueline Railway



Lagos Neighbourhood Safety Agency



Lagos Theatre



World Bank Assisted Agriculture Project



# STAND UP FOR THE CHAMPION



His Excellency  
**MR. BABAJIDE SANWO-OLU**  
Executive Governor, Lagos State





# Hearty Congratulations: *Greater Lagos Rising!*



The Secretaries of Local Government Areas and Development Councils in Lagos State (The Conference of Scribes 57) felicitate **Mr. Governor and Deputy Governor of Lagos State, Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu and Dr. Kadir Obafemi Hamzat** for the resounding success in the historic 2023 Lagos State Governorship poll.

We rejoice with the Governor and the Deputy Governor on their inauguration for the second term in office; marking a significant milestone of Greater Lagos Rising.

We are convinced that your success at the poll bears eloquent testimony to the sterling leadership credentials and the glowing cutting-edge performance of the Babajide Sanwo-Olu and Dr. Obafemi Hamzat administration which has largely contributed to socioeconomic growth and political stability of the fastest growing megacity in the Continent of Africa.

We are rest assured that the giant strides already recorded will be consolidated upon in the desire to take Lagos State to greater heights during your second term in office.

We have no doubt that your second term in office will unleash more dividends of democracy and further create new vista of opportunities in the public and private sectors to the delight of Lagosians.

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**Mr. Babajide Sanwo-olu**

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# Climate Change: Lagos To Adopt Solar Renewable Energy

Stories By Kunle Awosiyan

It appears Lagos State Government is set to adopt Solar Renewable Energy as its main source of power off National Grid. The Permanent Secretary, Office of Environmental Services, Mr. Tajudeen Gaji disclosed this at a validation workshop on the gaps and needs assessment for energy projects in Lagos. He said that the workshop was part of the efforts of the government to adopt solar renewables across the state, adding that from the last emission inventory, the energy sector has the highest ranking in the state emission profile. He added that to address this, the adoption of solar renewables was recommended in the Lagos Climate Action Plan.

Gaji said the document had been painstakingly examined, stressing that it now requires everyone's commitment to put Lagos on the emission reduction trajectory and taking global actions. According to him, "It is imperative to state that under the consultancy of Lagos Urban Development Initiative (LUDI), the assessment exploited a variety of approaches from the inception report, stakeholder mapping, bilateral engagements as well as a 'Charrette' to come up with the business and financial models to deliver the project. He said the high-level validation on the Energy Assessment report cuts across all relevant stakeholders for the endorsement of the document. He commended the assistance of the UKAid and C40 Cities

for the Technical Assistance under the Climate Action Implementation Africa Programme (CAI) facilitated by the C40 Cities Leadership group for footing the bill to conduct the gaps and need assessment on the Distribution of Solar Solutions for Residential apartments and Small and Medium Enterprises in Lagos. The Permanent Secretary expressed gratitude to the Government of the United Kingdom, State Ministries, Departments and Agencies, technical experts, the academia, civil society organisations and the private sectors for their immense contributions during the course of the technical assistance. In his presentation, the City Adviser, C40 Cities, Mr. Maximus Ugwuoke noted that

the Climate Action Plans are stepping stones to effective, integrated and transformative implementation and climate response. He said embedding climate action plans into cities' governance, planning and decision-making structures and supporting continued monitoring and progress of climate actions, adding that investments in the energy sector have great potential in creating green jobs, improving quality of life and promoting good health. In another presentation, a Consultant from Lagos Urban Development Initiative (LUDI), Mrs. Olamide Udoma-Ejorh explained that Lagos State has four laws, acts and policies that have been identified to be significant to this project.



Solar Power

## Lagos Govt Promises To Resolve NUAHP Agitation In Two Weeks



Nurses

Lagos State Government has promised to resolve the demands of the Nigerian Union of Allied Health Professionals (NUAHP) Lagos State Chapter within two weeks. The Special Adviser to the Lagos State Governor on Labour and Industrial Relations, Hon. Babatunde Williams, made the appeal at a meeting with the executive body of the union, urging them to shelve their planned strike action. She assured them that two of their pending demands which are Hazard Allowance and Domestication of Consultant Pharmacy Cadre would be resolved within two weeks. He also agreed to sign a resolution in respect of other demands. Other demands, according to him, being made by NUAHP include the implementation of Retention Allowance, Release of the Circular on the Headship of the

Directorate of Medical Laboratory Services, Implementation of upward review of enhanced call/shift/non-Clinical Allowance and Non-Implementation of the circular on-call duty approved for Dental Technology Officer cadre in the Public service. The Special Adviser explained that only two of the issues raised by NUAHP are peculiar to Lagos State and the State Government is presently working on them, pleading that the Union should not go on strike but to provide all relevant documents needed to process their demands on time. The Secretary of the Nigerian Union of Allied Health Professionals (NUAHP), Comrade Ruben Ogunleke commended and appreciated the Lagos State Government for agreeing to sign a resolution with the Union to serve as proof of commitment on its part.



# School Feeding: SUBEB Chairman Underscores Importance of Monitoring And Evaluation

Stories By Kunle Awosiyar

The Chairman, Lagos State Universal Basic Education Board, SUBEB, Hon. Wahab Alawiye-King has underscored the importance of Monitoring and Evaluation in the success of the Federal Government school feeding programme.

He said this at the commencement of training and workshop programme organised for the Independent Monitors in Lagos State at the weekend.

He said that the successes recorded by the State Government during the National Home Grown School Feeding Programme, domesticated by the State Government, being one of the branches of the federal government's Social Investment Programmes was achieved by monitoring and evaluation team.

He maintained that the programme would have failed but for the constant support received from the federal government through the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development (FMHADMSD).

He also appreciated the Independent Monitors for not getting discouraged despite some challenges faced when carrying out their duties, assuring that the government is aware of the challenges and efforts are being made to address them.

Earlier the Commissioner for Wealth Creation and Employment, Mrs. Yetunde Arobieke has commended the selflessness of Independent Monitors of the various federal government-initiated social welfare programmes in Lagos State, describing them as important partners in the area of wealth creation, poverty alleviation and

empowerment.

The Commissioner stated this in her address at the commencement of a training and workshop programme organised for the Independent Monitors in Lagos State where Certificates of Participation were presented to them to appreciate their involvement in the implementation of the various social intervention programmes of the federal government.

Speaking at the event held recently at SUBEB Hall, Maryland, Lagos, the Commissioner advised the Independent Monitors to value the Certificates as it provide an edge for them over their contemporaries in seeking full employment opportunities in the future. She told them to continue to contribute their quota towards the realisation of the government's vision of addressing poverty and increasing economic development through the

various National Social Investment Programmes (NSIP) initiated under the administration of President Muhammadu Buhari.

The Commissioner averred that the Independent Monitors are very critical in assessing the impacts of the NSIP in tackling poverty and hunger across the country and in providing feedback to the government on the effect of

the social investment programmes such that a review can be undertaken by the government where necessary.

"Let me convey the sincere appreciation of our Governor, Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu to every one of you. Here in Lagos, we value your immense contribution to this programme established to ensure a

more equitable distribution of resources to vulnerable populations, including children, youth, and women in our dear State", the Commissioner added. The representative of NISP at the event, Mr. Sehu Idris said that the certificates presented to the participants is a recognition from the federal government for the engagement of some of the

Independent Monitors who had served the government for one to two years.

He acknowledged the cooperation and support from the Lagos State Government, particularly the Ministry of Wealth Creation and Employment in the area of implementation and in bringing the NISP closer to the people of Lagos State.



Pupils with their bowls of food

As Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu goes into his second term as the governor of Lagos state, one key issue he has vowed to deal with is travel time of Lagos commuters and motorists. Sanwo-Olu who inaugurated 13 projects a few days to his inauguration said that his administration would continue to expand the transportation sector with modern and sustainable road infrastructure as part of activities to herald his second tenure.

Towards his swearing-in, the governor emphasized on intermodal transportation, which mad him to build new jetties, roads and his resoluteness to complete the Red light Rail and also put the Blue Rail Line in maximum use. Traffic situation in Lagos is growing tougher by the day due to daily

## Transportation, Road Infrastructure To Top Sanwo-Olu's Second Term Projects

increasing population. To Sanwo-Olu while he was inaugurating some projects, the newt administration is committed to improving commuters' travel experience, saving important man-hours that would have been otherwise lost to traffic; providing better riding surfaces; boosting interconnectivity and generally making life more meaningful for commuters in Lagos State.

To kick-start the ease of transportation, the governor opened the newly rehabilitated Mba Cardoso Street, Ajegunle; Akesan Obadore Road, Alimosho; Ikeja. He also inaugurated new jetties with waiting shelters and shoreline protection at

Marina and Isaju-Ajido in Badagry, as well as at Ilashe and Ijgun-Egba in Amuwo-Odofin.

Reacting to the governor's gesture at the inauguration of Mba Cardoso Street in Ajegunle the former Special Adviser to the Governor on Works and Infrastructure, Engr. Aramide Adeyoye said the Sanwo-Olu administration will always improve the quality of life of the people and drive massive socio-economic growth through infrastructure upgrade and renewal. She said, "The commitment of this administration to put in place infrastructure that will enhance the well-being of Lagosians and empower them across economic activities is

brought to the fore. "

In his remarks, the Chairman of Ajeromi-Ifelodun Local Government Area, Hon. Fatal Adekunle Ayoola said the rehabilitation of the Mba-Cardoso road has brought great relief to the residents of Ajeromi-Ifelodun, noting that the successful rehabilitation of the 3 kilometre road is "a dividend of democracy, reaching the doorstep of the masses in Ajegunle, through the Lagos State's Government capacity driven administrative insights".

Speaking at the commissioning of newly upgraded jetties with waiting shelters and shorelines in Badagry, Governor Sanwo-Olu, who was represented by his Special Adviser on

Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Adebayo Olukayode Sodade, expressed his delight at the completion of the projects that will serve the protection to the populace of Ijgun Egba and its environs.

The Governor assured Lagosians of the government's commitment to completing ongoing jetty constructions and enforcing safety regulations to ensure safe travel on the waterways. The commissioning of multiple jetties reflects the Lagos State government's commitment to improving transportation infrastructure, enhancing water transportation, and reducing travel time for Lagos residents.



# Dangote Refinery: Host Communities Train and sensitise Youths On Skills Acquisition

**B**eside the enormous infrastructural developments that will come through its Corporate Social Responsibility, Dangote Petroleum Refinery will naturally energise other businesses along Ibeju-Lekki corridor. This was the import of Professor Paul Alaje's message as he spoke on the refinery. Alaje is of the SPM Professionals, the nation's economic development research firm.

He is of the opinion that apart from the petroleum products that the refinery will give to the country, Africa and the world, it will enhance business development and alleviate the economic situation of the host communities as the first beneficiary of the \$19 billion investment that is sitting prominently on Lekki Free Trade Zone, Lagos.

But the concern of most professionals is the "skillability" of the youth in the communities as to whether they can fit in to the technology of oil refinery.

So that what happened in the Niger Delta when the unskilled youth felt alienated in their own lands because the oil companies failed to employ them, local government in Ibeju-Lekki has started sensitizing the youths on skill acquisition so that they can be relevant in the



Aliko Dangote

scheme of things.

The refinery is estimated to produce 650,000 barrels per day and employ over 100,000 Nigerian. It is also expected to generate over \$21 billion in revenue.

These are what the youths in the communities around the place will have to look into and see how they will get engaged and benefit from. But the question is whether they have gotten the necessary skills.

According to investigation by Echonews, the Dangote Group has the Indigenization policy and part of it is to formulate transitory technology to empower indigenous engineers to manage and operate its refineries.

A Technical

consultant to Aliko Dangote on refinery and petrochemical projects, Babajide Soyode said that 22 young Nigerian engineers were sent to India for training a few years ago, adding about 900 engineers were also recruited in preparation for takeoff of the Dangote refineries project.

To Mr. Mohan Kumar, the company's Director of Human Capital Management and Project Support, young engineers were trained at Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited in India on how to manage the operations of the refinery. He noted that the engineers had gathered fundamental practical knowledge about refinery.

He maintained that the engineers are recruited and trained to witness the building of the refinery from scratch. Kumar revealed that the engineers spent two months in classroom training and three months on the job training. He added that the 22 engineers were trained by experts who had over 45 years' experience in refinery operations, stressing that the training became imperative due to the commitment of Dangote Group to promote local content by developing indigenous capacity.

Asked what is government is doing to ensure that many youths in Ibeju-Lekki Local Government Area of Lagos benefit immensely from the

refinery, the Executive Chairman, Lekki LCDA, Rasaki Kasali, said that the government observed that the youths must have knowledge about what is going on in the industry first before they can be engaged.

According to him, skill is the main thing and the government had designed training scheme to promote the development and advancement of youths in the host communities through certified programme. He said beneficiaries were chosen following a careful process of selection while urging the participants to be good ambassadors for the betterment and strategic positioning of the Lekki LCDA.

He said "This is our land, and there are also non-indigenous people that have become a part of us. We have put this training together for you so that you can also be knowledgeable about the operations of the industries and be able to represent us well when any of you get the opportunity." He said the cost of the training and a certificate worth over N200,000 had already been paid for by the council and that the participants were not expected to pay a dime to anybody.

Also, he said there would be an examination at the end of the one-week training, and that those who passed would be considered for certification.



# LASU Excited By Lagos State Safety Commission's Audit of Senate Building

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ibiyemi Ibilola Olatunji-Bello, mni has reiterated that the Lagos State University Management will continue to work with the Lagos State Safety Commission (LSC) for the safety and wellbeing of the University community. The VC who was ably represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration), Prof. Adenike Boyo, disclosed this in her address at the one-day training programme organized by the Lagos State University in conjunction with the Lagos State Safety Commission held on Wednesday, 24th May 2023 at Aderemi Makanjuola Lecture Theatre, Main Campus, Ojo, Lagos.

Commission's commitment to the safety of lives and properties.

Speaking further, the Professor of Physiology stated that "...the training shows the commitment of the University Management to implement the recommendations contained in the safety audit report of the Babatunde Raji Fashola Senate Building of the University". She also implored participants to give the training their utmost attention and commitment as they are expected to impart the knowledge they have acquired to other colleagues.

The Registrar, Mr. Emmanuel A. Fanu, in his remarks averred that the training programme was put together primarily to teach staff about the safety measures that are of benefit to the institution and the public. He also appreciated the Lagos State Safety Commission for their efforts in ensuring that the programme holds and implored participants to pay rapt attention to the resource persons and tap from their wealth of experience.



Professor Adenike Boyo

Speaking at the training programme, the Director General/Chief Executive Officer, Lagos State Safety Commission, Mr. Lanre Mojola, stated that safety is a collective responsibility and the Lagos State government is very passionate and keen on safeguarding its people and has tasked the Commission to ensure that its goal is to protect the lives and properties of every individual in the state. Director, Safety, Training, Education and Skills Development (STED), LSC, Mrs. Esther George in her

address asserted that safety is not just a priority but also a value to build a culture of sensible risk management. She added that the vision of the Commission is to proactively make safety a lifestyle in Lagos State, a world class city and to maintain the leading change with regards to adopting a safety culture. The first resource person was Engr. Oluwole Ojetokun, who spoke on two topics namely; "Fire Prevention and Control" and "Electrical Safety: Principles Risks and

Effective Management". The second resource person and safety consultant, Mr. Adeyinka Adebisi, spoke on "Mandate of Safety, Health and Fire Marshals in the Campus; Basic Safety, Health and Hygiene; and Practical Hazards Identification, Control Measures and Reasons for Choosing the Control Measures." Lead Consultant, Sofumonde Ltd., Ms. Bolanle Adesan, was the last resource person who spoke on "Positioning Lagos State University for

the Global Community through Health and Safety". The well attended training which was themed; "Training and Injection of Safety, Health and Fire Marshals in Lagos State University Campuses across the State" had in attendance the University Management, Senior Members of Staff, Officials of the Lagos State Safety Commission, Members of the Centre for Information and Public Relations (CIPR) and Members of the University Multimedia Centre(UMC).

## Lagos Govt Presents Cheques To 65 Indigent Residents as Financial Support

As part of its continuous efforts to make life comfortable for the citizens, the Lagos State Government, through the Office of Civic Engagement, has presented cheques as financial assistance to another set of 65 indigent Lagosians to alleviate their various challenges. In her address at the presentation ceremony held on Tuesday in Alausa, the Special Adviser to the Governor on Civic Engagement, Princess Aderemi

Adebowale charged the beneficiaries to make judicious use of the fund, stressing that they were selected out of thousands of applications sent in on a daily basis by Lagosians for various needs. Princess Adebowale, represented by the Permanent Secretary, Engr. Abiola Kosegbe, added that the Office has been meeting the challenges through the special welfare programme designed to provide financial support to vulnerable citizens in Lagos State.

She said, "The social intervention programme is aimed at bringing succour to indigent Lagosians to mitigate challenges occasioned by sickness, accidents, loss of jobs, accommodation and other unforeseen circumstances. It is a social contract between the government and the citizens". The Special Adviser, however, emphasised that the Office would monitor the usage of the fund to ensure it is not misappropriated and whether it is having the



Beneficiaries receiving their cheques

desired effect on the lives of its citizens as envisaged by the State Government. The representative of the Special Adviser and

Permanent Secretary, Engr. Abiola Kosegbe was joined during the presentation of the cheques to beneficiaries by the Director of Admin

& Human Resource, Mrs. 'Laide Ibraheem; Director of Political, Mr Ayodeji Aruna and Director of Public Affairs, Mrs. Olatokunbo Dawodu.



The General Manager, Lagos State Consumer Protection Agency (LASCOPA), Afolabi Solebo Esq. has been awarded a Golden Role Model Award by the Nigerian Youth Advocacy for Good Governance Initiative (NYAGGI) for his numerous Humanitarian Services and being a 7-Star Role Model for the Nigerian youths. Receiving the Award presented to him in his Office at Ikeja, Solebo expressed his gratitude to the Organisation and the Governor of Lagos State, Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu for his appointment as the second General Manager of the Agency to serve humanity. While dedicating the award to all staff of LASCOPA for their support, loyalty and dedication, the General Manager reiterated his continued commitment to empowering youths toward nation-building as an ambassador of the

# LASCOPA GM Receives Golden Role Model Award

Stories By Kunle Awosiyan

Organisation. Comrade Akeem Abiodun Alabi, the National Coordinator of NYAGGI who presented the Award to him, said the award is in appreciation and recognition of his exemplary personality whose contribution and sacrifices serve as encouragement for youths to emulate.

He added that the members of the organization recognized Solebo's unquenchable passion and enthusiasm for building and impacting youths, hence his nomination is an indisputable choice for NYAGGI's meritorious



General Manager, Lagos State Consumer Protection Agency (LASCOPA), Afolabi Solebo Esq receiving his award

Golden Role Model Award. In his words, “Ambassador Afolabi Solebo is one out of few Nigerians that fit a unique description. He is a mentor, role model, pathfinder, leader, philanthropist, legend, a man of character, pillar of support, lover of truth, an individual for all seasons, a leader with vision, goal getter, and a walking encyclopaedia for youths to emulate”. “The General Manager is also a bridge builder, rare gem, beacon of hope, an extraordinary team player and a cerebral personality that penetrates all hearts with so much ease”, the Comrade enthused

## Lagos Domestic And Sexual Violence Agency Takes Campaign To Pan Atlantic University

The Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency (DSVA) has extended its 'Campus Activation on Sexual Gender-Based Domestic Violence' advocacy to the Pan-Atlantic University Campus. The Executive Secretary of DSVA, Titilola Vivour-Adeniyi said the theme of the campaign: “Issues surrounding SGBV on Campuses; Our Collective Responsibilities” was apt, as it highlights the State Government concerted efforts on the initiative towards eradicating all forms of SGBV in Lagos State. Vivour-Adeniyi, who was represented by the Team Head, Alternative Dispute Resolution

Unit, emphasised the Agency's commitment to preventing and eliminating all forms of Sexual and Gender-Based assault on campuses across the State. She urged students to speak out and report any concern that arise on and off campus to the relevant authorities at all times.

Mr. Damilare Adewusi, the Agency's Head of Community Engagement Deartment, lectured participants on recognising SGBV characteristics around them as well as differentiating key terms such as gender-based violence, physical assault, emotional abuse, rape, defilement,

consent, and other SGBV-related terms. Adewusi emphasised that everyone on campus is obligated to become mandated reporters of SGBV incidents in their immediate surroundings. Mr. Damilare Adewusi also disclosed the agency's numerous SGBV-related support

services, including legal aid, psychiatric counselling, rescue operations, and empowerment, urging them to use the toll-free line – 0-8000-333-333

to report cases. Jennifer Iloekwe, the Students Affairs Manager commended the Agency's effort at combating SGBV on campuses.



Student at Pan Atlantic University



# 10th Assembly: Why Obasa Must Continue As Speaker - Adewale

By Edith Igbokwe



RT. Hon Mudashiru Obasa

The member of Lagos State House of Assembly representing Ifako-Ijaiye constituency 1, Hon. Temitope Adewale, has explained the reason

why Rt. Hon. Mudashiru Obasa should lead the 10th Lagos Assembly again. According to him, Obasa deserves to continue as the Speaker of the House

having successfully restructured the legislative arm of the State.

Obasa has already been endorsed by other lawmakers to continue as the Speaker of the House for the third term having been in the position since 2015.

Adewale noted that Obasa has turned Lagos State into a reference point to be emulated by other States across the country and even the federal government in terms of legislation.

"We now have a Lagos Assembly that other states visit to learn from. We have bills that have been studied by the National Assembly. We have laws that have shaped our State in favour of the people.

"Through his leadership style, lawmakers are now better more than before, closer to their constituents because we see him living among his people in

Agege and making sure he reaches out to every individual that seeks his attention.

"Lagos cannot afford not to have him as Speaker if the fortunes of the true governance enjoyed by the State must be sustained.

"Obasa is a stabiliser and has sustained the peace and unity in the House. He is a very accommodating leader who is ready to learn and relearn."

The lawmaker further noted that under Obasa's leadership, the House has the highest number of non-executive-sponsored bills which have helped

secure the State and created employment.

He noted that Obasa has defended so well the legislative arm of government to the extent of having one of the best Houses of Assembly in Nigeria being emulated by others.

According to him, the House has been moved from where it was before to be above the common standards of excellence.

"I can tell you there is nobody who will challenge him successfully. If you are talking about loyalty, he is very loyal to the party, he is loyal to the

elders of Lagos, and loyal to Asiwaju Bola Tinubu. Above all, he continues to uphold the tenets of democracy.

"This is a man who has practised everything you call legislature and he has been impacting knowledge in every one of us. Moreover, we are going into the 10th Assembly with a House that has many new members.

"As a result of this, he has more jobs to do. He needs to train a lot of people so that the tenets of the legislature and the institution can continue to stand alone in the face of separation of powers."

## LSETF Launches New Business Hub in Ifako-Ijaiye

By Edith Igbokwe



LSETF opportunity to beauticians

Lagos State Employment Trust Fund (LSETF) has launched a new business hub at Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government Area to provide space for small business owners. The center, named Mammies Beauty Center, is located at

Starnet House, No 6 Olayiwola Street, off Charity Road. The centre is already equipped with the necessary facilities for businesses such as Barbing, Hair Dressing, Make-Up, Facials, Spa, Pedicure & Manicure, and Nail fixing. Business owners who

are into any of the aforementioned businesses but have no shop space to operate are urged to apply for space at the centre. For registration, the prospective beneficiaries are to visit the NRC building, Ifako-Ijaiye LG area office at old Akute Road, Obawole.

## Council Boss Charges Cabinet Member To Be More Committed

By Edith Igbokwe

The chairman of Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government, Prince Usman Hamzat (UAH) has charged the council's supervisory councilor for Works and Infrastructure, Bashorun Adewale to be more committed to the development of the council area.

He said this while celebrating the birthday of the councilor, urging the councilor to stay committed to his administration's H.E.E.D.S agenda geared towards achieving the administrative goal of a greater Ifako-Ijaiye for everyone.

Hamzat reiterated that with the help of all his cabinet members, achieving the set goals



will be an easy task to handle.

He used the moment to seek the cooperation and support of all cabinet members to do what will benefit all in the community.

"On this unique occasion of celebrating your birth anniversary and on behalf of the good people of Ifako-Ijaiye, especially the entire executive

council of Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government, I heartily rejoice with you on your birthday and wish you many more joyous and prosperous years ahead.

"I join friends, family, political associates, well-wishers, and the entire residents of our amiable Local Government to wish you a blissful happy birthday."



# Commuters Hail Abiru As Contractor Commences Work On Ikorodu-Itokin Road

By Nurudeen Adebayo



Motorists and residents plying the Ikorodu-Itokin Road have commended Sen. Tokunbo Abiru for initiating palliative work on the road to alleviate their suffering on the road.

The stabilisation of the 32-km Ikorodu-Itokin Road has started ahead of the major rehabilitation of the critical road that connects Lagos, Ikorodu, Epe, and Ibeju-Lekki to other parts of Nigeria.

The Senator representing Lagos East Senatorial District, Sen. Adetokunbo Abiru, FCA, facilitated the project.

The Ikorodu-Itokin Road was constructed in 1975 by Taylor Woodrow, under the regime of General Yakubu Gowon. This is the first major rehabilitation of the road since it was built almost

50 years ago.

Palliative materials like hardcore rocks, stone-based and other construction stabilisation materials are being applied on the damaged sections of the road to ease movement.

The palliative work has been carried out on critical sections at Itoikin, Agbowa, while construction is ongoing at Imota, after Parks and Gardens Estate.

Before the end of the week, the work is expected to advance to Isiu, Ikorodu North Headquarters, while it terminates at Sabo, Ikorodu.

In April 2021, Sen. Abiru raised a motion on the floor of the Nigerian Senate on "The Urgent Need For The Rehabilitation of Ikorodu-Sagamu And Ikorodu-Itokin- Epe Roads To Further Bridge

The Infrastructure Gap And Enhance Economic Growth In Nigeria".

In December 2022, the Lagos East Senator paid a courtesy visit to the Minister of Works and Housing, Mr. Babatunde Raji Fashola, at his office in Abuja to show appreciation for his efforts on two critical federal roads: Ikorodu-Itokin Road and Ikorodu-Sagamu Road.

During the courtesy call, Abiru extended the gratitude of the constituents of the Lagos East Senatorial District to the minister for his efforts over the accelerated construction of Ikorodu-Sagamu Road and the planned rehabilitation of 32-Km Ikorodu-Itokin Road which had been approved by the Federal Executive Council.

## LG To Organise Public Hearing On Local Security Joint Taskforce Bill

By Nurudeen Adebayo



Hon. Wasiu Adeshina giving his speech

The chairman of council is set to organise a public hearing on its local security joint taskforce Bill for the input of the

residents before being passed by the legislature.

The Bill is seeking legal support for supervising

residents on security issues.

Detailing the Bill, Adeshina stated that

the council has been deliberating on it before being presented to the public for their input.

"The idea of the public hearing is to present the Bill before the residents in Ikorodu Local Government Area, so they can view it and also make their contributions to its credibility.

"As we speak, 50 personnel have been undergoing training, to be enlisted in this local security joint taskforce and we're making progress on the legislative side as well.

"The Bill has passed two hearing phases at the legislative chamber, and the 3rd would be public, afterwards, a fourth hearing will take place at the chamber finally for the Bill's approval," he explained.

The council boss states that once the Bill (which will reflect across the entire Ikorodu Division) is approved, there will then be an official inauguration of the Local Security Joint Taskforce at the council secretariat.

He continued: "The date for this public hearing will be announced soon, immediately after the May 29 swearing-in inauguration of Nigeria's President-elect, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, and that of the returning Lagos State Governor, His Excellency, Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu.

"We also want to disseminate this bill to the general public in Ikorodu Local Government, let them see it in advance and work on ways to amend and better it even before this hearing."



# Council Chairman Gifts Mulero N1m For Outstanding UTME Result

By Saheed Afolabi



Hon. Rasaq Ajala with Ilerioluwa Mulero

The chairman of Odolowo-Ojuwoye LCDA, Hon. Rasaq Ajala, has compensated a student of Ilupeju Senior Grammar School, Raphael Ilerioluwa Mulero, who scored 351 in the just concluded UTME 2023 with a sum of N1 million. While receiving the student, his mother, principal, and mentor in his office earlier last week, the chairman

praised the student for the feat he has just attained. He commended him for being a good ambassador of Mushin by once again proving that the environment in which one comes from is not a determinant of one's success. He stated: "We are celebrating Raphael because he has demonstrated that public

schools can compete favorably with their private school counterparts in terms of achievements academically. "It is also a further demonstration of the commitment of our teachers in public schools to change the narrative out there about public schools and also a testament to the quantum of resources our amiable governor in Lagos State, Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwoolu is expending on the public schools for them to be able to compete with other schools in the other developed clime." He, therefore, announced the purchase of a laptop worth N500,000 for the student to support him in his educational pursuit and the same sum to be shared among his mother, his mentor, the parent forum, and the principal of the school. He also advised the student to remain focused on his education and not to be

detracted as he climbs the ladder of success. While commenting on the success achieved by Raphael, the Principal of the school, Mrs. Olanike Taiwo Akinyosoye, stated that the boy has been a studious student since his time in Junior Secondary School. "Raphael can be inside a room for days studying. He will collect his food, eat and continue reading, I pray he goes higher to fulfill his destiny "I always tell my students they can achieve what he has achieved if they can study hard," she stated. She commended the council chairman for recognising academic success and for always supporting the teachers and the schools within the LCDA. "The chairman has always been supportive of the teachers, schools, and students within the LCDA

"He is a wonderful man; he has listening ears. I have worked in different local governments but Hon. Ajala is different," she said. Raphael's mother, Mrs. Mulero Victoria, said she was happy about the feat attained by her son. She thanked Ajala for the kind gesture towards her and her son and prayed to God to continue to elevate him and his team in Odolowo-Ojuwoye LCDA. Mr. Raji Abraham, the Physics and Further Mathematics Teacher in the school and the mentor to Raphael stated that he had noticed his exceptional brilliancy in Science courses since he was in SSS 1. "I have tried to guide and encourage him to achieve his goals and I am happy today that the effort has not been in vain "He is today one of the best physics and best science students in the country,"

he said. He thanked the chairman for the encouragement and prayed that God will continue to bless him. Raphael, in his comments, thanked the chairman for the encouragement and for recognising his achievement. He stated: "I am very excited and happy to be recognised by Hon. Ajala today. I want to thank him for what he has done for me today. I appreciate him and I will encourage him to continue to do this for the up-and-coming youths so they can be the best they want to be." On what contributed to his achievement, Raphael said: "My consistent reading, online tutorials, my mentor who always motivates me, and my mum who always reminds me of the background I come from." He encouraged his peers to be determined and read hard to make a remarkable mark in their chosen areas of study.

# Bamigboye Appreciates CAN For Supporting APC

By Saheed Afolabi

The chairman of Mushin Local Government, Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye, has expressed his appreciation to the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Mushin chapter for the support given to his administration and the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) party in Lagos State, especially during the general elections. The council boss gave the commendation at the 30th Anniversary of the Association (Mushin Chapter) held at ECWA Church in the Challenge area of Mushin. He thanked them for their prayers and support for the government and Mushin community in general.

He admonished members of the association to assess their achievements so far, plan for the future, and always pray to God for support to have a legacy that will guide the association toward a total breakthrough. Bamigboye, who emphasised that this year is unique and significant, expressed his joy in the cordial relationship that exists between the Coordinator of CAN in Mushin, Primate Dare Oladele, and the Chief Imam of Mushin. The Coordinator, Primate Oladele called on other ministers of God, and a special prayer was offered to the council chairman, council manager, Comrade Sogo Osikoya, and staff of Mushin LG.



Hon Emmanuel Bamigboye making his speech



## Civil Service Commission Commends Bamigboye On Staff Welfare

By Saheed Afolabi

**A**s part of its responsibility to establish and sustain mutual relations among the civil servants and political office holders across the 57 Local councils in Lagos State, the Industrial Relations Unit of the Office of Establishment and Training in the Local Government Service Commission has commended the chairman of Mushin Local Government, Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye, for his outstanding welfare packages for his staffs in the Local Government.

Speaking during their visit to the council secretariat in Mushin after conducting a tour of the offices in the council premises, the Director of Industrial Relations in the Commission, Mr.

Kazeem Gbotesho, expressed his appreciation to the chairman for creating a conducive working environment and motivation for his staff through office refurbishment, constant provision of running cost, sponsorship of seminars and training for staff (local and abroad), increase in financial assistance for staff, monthly free health screening exercise and provision of free medication for staff, with other incentives being provided by the council to enhance productivity in all the departments at local government secretariat and area offices across Mushin. He also attested to the significant changes he observed between February 22, 2022,



Master Raphael Mulero with Honorable Rasaq Ajala, chairman of Odi-Olowo Ojuwoye LCDA

when they visited the local government last, till the current date with the tremendous transformation which has taken place in the offices of management staff, area officers, and other staff.

The team gave kudos to him for the motivational investments in the civil servants.

Corroborating the

director's observation, the chairman of the National Union of Local Government Employees (NULGE) in Mushin Local Government, comrade Olajide Akinola, attested to the various welfare packages being enjoyed by the staff which includes sponsorship of Workers Day celebrations annually

and other activities organised by the union both at the state and federal levels. He commended the council chairman for his immediate approval of all their requests including financial assistance for civil servants.

The Council Manager, Comrade Sogo Osikoya, affirmed that there is no local government in Lagos State that can supersede Mushin in terms of staff welfare.

He expressed appreciation to Hon. Bamigboye for his timely response to the requests of staff and support for their success in various categories of competition including the recent award which had two staff of Mushin Local Government clinching awards in two

categories.

In his response, Bamigboye thanked the staff for their support and loyalty during the just concluded general elections.

He also appreciated the leadership of the Local Government Service Commission for motivating their staff across the 57 councils in the re-election campaign of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu and Dr. Obafemi Hamzat.

He declared that the priority of his administration is to make people happy.

He also assured his guests of his plan to put smiles on the faces of his staff, if they can help him actualise his dream of increasing the Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) without inflicting pain on the people, saying he is determined to leave a legacy before the end his tenure in office.

## Lagos Domestic and Sexual Violence Online Course Attracts 13, 000 Participants

By Saheed Afolabi

**A**bout 13, 000 participants have registered with the Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency (DSVA) advanced online course on Safeguarding and Child Protection.

The Executive Secretary of DSVSA, Titilola Vivour-Adeniyi has said, adding that the initiative is part of efforts by the Lagos State Government to leverage technology in ensuring the safety of children in schools.

According to her, the agency had partnered with the Office of Education Quality Assurance (OEQA) to develop the advanced online course on Safeguarding and Child Protection via for

relevant stakeholders.

This, according to her, is in addition to the "Online Course for Beginners" which was introduced in 2020 and has attracted over 13,000 participants.

Vivour-Adeniyi disclosed that the online course comprises five modules, some of which include Understanding The Rudiments Of Child Protection and Safeguarding, Understanding The Concept Of Child Sexual Abuse As A Major Phenomenon, Identifying and Preventing Child Abuse, Safe Steps For Disciplinary Measures Reporting Procedures For Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.

"This Child Safeguarding and Protection for professionals is specially curated for all teachers, guidance counsellors, school social workers, and designated Safeguarding and Child Protection Officers that work in Child Centred Institutions, especially in schools", the Executive Secretary said.

She further revealed that the Online Certified Course would better educators and ensure utmost efficiency whilst dealing with safeguarding and child protection disclosures in their schools.

Vivour-Adeniyi stated that at the end of the course, teachers would be required to undertake a test and upon a successful attempt, a certificate would be generated and



Students working online

forwarded via email.

On her part, the Director-General, Office of Education Quality Assurance (OEQA), Mrs. Abiola Seriki-Ayeni lauded the initiative, stressing that the Lagos State Government through the Agency, would not relent in ensuring continuous capacity-building programmes

are made available for all stakeholders.

She stated further that such training programmes would continue to be part of its policy implementation to further equip professionals in the education sector on best acceptable global practices.

According to her, OEQA

has been strengthening quality control and regulation of public and private schools through monitoring and evaluation in Lagos State.

She, therefore, urged professionals in Child-Centred institutions across the State to register for the Online Course for a more impactful service.



# Community Appeals To Govt For Drains To Prevent Flood

By Nurudeen Adebayo

The residents of Ojomo community in Ikosi-Isheri LCDA have appealed to the government to come to their aid by constructing the Ojomo drain to tackle the menace of incessant floods in their community.

Speaking, a community leader, Comr. Mudashiru Alabi expressed concern over the annual flood-related hardships faced by the residents during the rainy season due to the lack of a proper

drainage system.

He noted that the lack of a drainage system has resulted in submerged buildings and made life extremely uncomfortable for the community members.

He stated that neighbouring streets also encounter similar challenges, exacerbating the overall situation during heavy rainfall.

Providing photographic evidence, Alabi showcased the poor condition of the Ojomo



Ojomo Drainage

community, located in the Ikosi Isheri area, which has been heavily affected by flooding due to the absence of a functional drainage system.

He further cited Sarumi junction, near Alh Dandama's house,

as another location experiencing similar problems.

Alabi appealed to the relevant authorities to urgently intervene and assist the community in overcoming the difficulties.

To address the concerns raised, a message was sent to Hon. Kehinde Fatoki, the Ikosi-Isheri LCDA Supervisor for Environment, requesting information on the steps being taken by the local council to tackle the issue.

# Council Chairman, Olowa Bags Chieftaincy Title As Oba Onimedu Marks 1st Anniversary

By Nurudeen Adebayo

As part of activities marking the celebration of the first coronation anniversary of Onimedu of Orimedu Kingdom, HRM, Oba Toheeb Abidemi Oyedele, the chairman of Ibeju-Lekki LG, Hon. Abdullahi Olowa was bestowed with the title of Oluomo of Orimedu Kingdom.

The council boss expressed gratitude to Onimedu, the Oba in Council, and the entire people of the local council area for

honoring him with such a traditional title.

He emphasised the need for all stakeholders to cooperate and embrace peace for the common goal of enhancing desired growth while reiterating the commitment of his administration to take Ibeju-Lekki to the next level.

He congratulated five other people from the community, who were also honoured with various chieftaincy titles, urging them to use their new positions

for the development of the community and the benefit of humanity.

Other prominent personalities at the occasion were Alhaja Noimat Salako Oyedele, Alhaji Bode Kashif Oyedele, Former Speaker, RT. Hon. Kuforiji, Hon. Raheem Adewale Kazeem and Hon. Fatai Mojeed, Lagos State House of Assembly Constituency I and II, SA on Commerce and Industries, Hon. Abiola Olowu and Royal Fathers led by the Chairman of Epe Division Obas.



Orimedu and his chiefs

# Ikeja Electric Inaugurates Self-service Customer Package

By Nurudeen Adebayo

Ikeja Electric has taken customer experience to another level with the introduction of the Singleview 2.0 web application.

This latest version is an enhanced customer self-service package with consolidated account management features purposely designed and built for Ikeja Electric's customers, including prepaid, postpaid, maximum demand, non-maximum demand, and bilateral customers. Head of Business and Innovation, Paul Ehiagbonare said it

became imperative to upgrade the Singleview platform in line with the company's customer-first, technology-now mantra as this upgrade enables adequate support of a wider range of customers while empowering them with features, functionalities, and possibilities for excellent customer experience.

"As a forward-thinking, innovative, and customer-centric organization, the Singleview 2.0 enables customers to have all necessary information at the tips of their fingers including how they can resolve issues

and make inquiries without necessarily visiting or calling Ikeja Electric's office."

Paul explained further that Singleview 2.0 platform serves as a major digital touch point that enables both prepaid, postpaid, and bilateral customers to set up a new electricity connection, order meters, and manage their accounts and services online, noting that the platform also allows customers to view and download their utility bills, purchase electricity units/token, view energy usage and balance, view vending history, electricity availability in

customer's area, manage multiple meters, manage access delegation, view loyalty reward status as well as tariff classes and rates.

The platform also becomes the access point to Ikeja Electric's loyalty program expected to kick off soon.

The firm's acting head of Corporate Communications, Kingsley Okotie encouraged both existing and intending customers of Nigeria's foremost utility company to sign-up on the user-friendly application stating that in addition to the functions earlier enumerated, Singleview

2.0 provides a 360-degree view of payment history and information irrespective of the point of payment while enabling customers to lodge service inquiries, requests or complaints for prompt response by the Business Unit/Undertaking Office in charge of such locations.

The Company's

spokesman noted that the upgrade to Singleview 2.0 further reinforces Ikeja Electric's commitment and relentless efforts as Nigeria's best-performing Disco, to continuously improve on its technological innovations that will assure delivery of quality services and provide access to seamless interactions with our esteemed customers.





# Ayanwale Community Pry Sch Management Seeks govt's Intervention On Collapsed Building

By Edith Igbokwe

The management of Ayanwale Community Primary School, along Boltex Odesanya Street, in Igando-Ikotun has appealed to the State Government for its intervention in the collapsed building due to heavy rain storms. It stated that the recent heavy rains damaged

some of the buildings in the school, and has affected academic activities, leaving the pupils stranded.

Apart from that, the school management also said the school lacks basic amenities and modern teaching aids to promote teaching and learning for the pupils.

"The school's woe was

further compounded when a rainstorm hit the shack-like structure that served as the school building, destroying it to an unmanageable level.

"As the time the incident occurred at night, only mother luck prevented what could have been a greater catastrophe of the possibility of the

rainstorm hitting during school hours, jeopardising lives of hundreds of pupils."

It was gathered that the community has tried on several occasions to get the state government to take over and build a befitting structure for the school but has been met with empty promises to date.



Collapsed Ayanwale Community Primary school

## Farmers Hail LASG For Supporting Them With Farm Tools

By Edith Igbokwe



Beneficiaries of farming tools

Various associations of farmers across Alimosho Local Government Area have appreciated the Lagos State Ministry of Agriculture for providing them with farm tools such as smoking kilns and pumping machines to improve their activities.

Beneficiaries declared that the tools provided would enhance farm productivity. The Ministry held the empowerment programme last week to support registered farmers in Alimosho Local Government.

Mr. Dapo Olakulehin, who represented the Commissioner for Agriculture, spoke on the importance of agriculture and its

produce in society.

He emphasized the usefulness of farmers and farming in society while imploring the farmers to put more effort into their cultivation.

Chairman of Alimosho LGA, represented by The Supervisor for Agriculture, Hon. Adegoke Sosanya, who spoke on behalf of the council chairman, charged the beneficiaries on the uses of the tools and their importance.

He noted that the purpose of the empowerment tools was to ease farmers' financial status and enlarge their coast.

The programme was led by Mr. Adedeji Odulesi, a former member of the Lagos

State Farmers Empowerment Programme.

Beneficiaries in Alimosho include the Agbeloba Fish Farmers Association, the Airforce Base, and the Shasha Fish Farmers Association in the Alimosho Local Government Area, who were given pumping machines.

Other beneficiaries and stools given include the Agbelelele Fish Farmers Association in the Agbado Oke-Odo LCDA which got smoking kilns, the Abesan Fish Farmers Association in the Mosan-Okunola LCDA, which also got smoking kilns, and the Idimu Bolutife Fish Farmers Association in Egbe-Idimu LCDA which got pumping machine.

## Residents Commend LAHA Member Over Road Rehabilitation

By Edith Igbokwe

The residents of Akesan-Obadore in Igando-Ikotun Local Council Development Area (LCDA) have expressed their gratitude to the member of Lagos State House of Assembly representing Alimosho Constituency, Hon. Kehinde Joseph for facilitating the rehabilitation of Akesan-Obadore Road.

According to them, the rehabilitation would ease their movement which had been difficult for over two years. The road is an access road to link to LASU-Iba Road and other areas.

To express their joy, the residents of the area trooped out in their numbers, dressed in colourful attires to welcome the Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu, and his entourage for the commissioning.

Sanwo-Olu said the rehabilitation of the road was in line with his THEMES Agenda to link the densely populated Akesan community with the LASU-Iba Road and open up motorable access to the Akesan community.

He added that the road



Commissioned Akesan road

would also abate flooding, and enhance the environmental status of the community as well as the value of properties in the area.

Additionally, the residents appreciated the governor noting that Alimosho has been

given many opportunities by his administration in terms of appointments.

However, they called for more in terms of rural development, while urging him to take infrastructural development a priority in his second term in office.



Amuwo-Odofin Residents Rejoices Over Jetty Project

By Edith Igbokwe



Jetty site in Amuwo-Odofin

The residents of Amuwo-Odofin have expressed joy over the jetty project executed in their local council area. Amuwo-Odofin is among the eight local governments that benefitted from the projects commissioned by Lagos State Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu. Amuwo-Odofin, amongst a few other local governments, had newly constructed jetties with waiting shelters and shoreline protection commissioned. The commissioned jetties were stationed at Marina and Isaju-Ajido in Badagry, as well as at Ilashe and Ijgun-Egba in Amuwo-Odofin. The commissioning of the multiple jetties was said to be a reflection of the administration's commitment to improving transportation infrastructure, enhancing water transportation, and reducing travel time for residents of Lagos. "The Lagos state government is committed to completing ongoing jetty constructions and enforcing safety regulations to ensure safe travel on the waterways."

Manufacturers Demand Accessible Roads To Enhance Business

By Edith Igbokwe



Faces at the luncheon

Manufacturers under the umbrella of the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN), Apapa branch has tasked the State government to build access roads in Amuwo-Odofin LG to enhance their businesses. They made the call during their 12th Business Luncheon held at the Top Hotel, Amuwo-Odofin Garden with the theme: 'Facilitating Ease of Clearing Inputs for Manufactured Goods under AFCFTA'. Participants at the Luncheon called for more assistance from the government in respect of the provision of more access roads in Amuwo Odofin while advocating for the removal of illegal checkpoints and facilitating movements of container-bearing trucks from the Ports to various destinations in the State. The State Government has pledged to give more support to the Association stating that it has been collaborating with the Federal Government to resolve the traffic gridlock, improve traffic management and ensure the seamless movement of goods and services in and out of the Ports' corridor, saying it continues to work with all stakeholders towards

ensuring ease of doing business in the State. It stated that it has also domesticated the AFCFTA initiative in the State as the State Technical Working Group (STWG) members will soon commence a Statewide sensitisation across the 20 Local Government and 37 Local Council Development Areas to ensure that each Local Government Area finds its voice in the overall vision and mission of AFCFTA. According to the Commissioner for Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives, Dr. (Mrs.) Lola Akande at the luncheon, Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu remains MAN partner in progress. She stated that his administration is conscious of the fact that its policy thrust of creating A Greater Lagos will materialise when it supports local industrialisation and heed the yearnings of manufacturers in the State. "The recent commissioning of the Lekki Deep Sea Port and the 18.75km Eleko-Epe six-lane rigid pavement expressway will complement and further assist to decongest Apapa Ports and facilitate ease of

clearing inputs for manufactured goods so that Nigerian manufacturers can partake of the immense benefits of AFCFTA." All the concerned bodies for the ease of doing business in the state assured to strengthen their operations further and consolidate the State's position as the industrial hub of Nigeria, Concerned bodies include the Director-General, Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN) Mr. Segun Ajayi, Customs Area Comptroller- Kirikiri Light Terminal, Mr. Timi Bomodi, President of MAN, Apapa Branch, Engr. Frank Onyebu. Others are Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives, Mrs. Adetutu Ososanya, FCA; Customs Area Comptroller, Apapa Terminal, Awwal Muhammad; Vice President of MAN, Lagos Zone, Prince Oba Okojie and former Vice President of MAN, Lagos Zone, Chief John Aliyah The Customs Area Comptroller, Kirikiri Light Terminal, Mr. Timi Bomodi stated that the twin process of scanning and physical inspection is employed to ensure imported materials conform to the brand, value, and quality as stated in the documents. "To avoid delay on imported materials with unclear status, importers should apply for Tariff Ruling at the Customs headquarters to ascertain the compliance of such items to ensure speedy clearance at the ports," he said.

Community Leaders Commend NAS For Free Medical Service

By Edith Igbokwe

Two prominent community leaders of Abule-Ado in Amuwo-Odofin Local Government Area, Chief Lawal Ahmadu Shehu, and Jimoh Raheem have commended the National Association of Seadogs (NAS) for the free medical service rendered to the residents. The leaders noted that the medical intervention was timely as many people could not afford treatment in hospitals or even buy drugs. The duo stated that the medical mission has helped the community, and the management of the Bola Ahmed Tinubu Primary Health Centre (PHC) to identify

patients with diabetes and high blood pressure for follow-up treatment. Hundreds of Abule-Ado residents benefitted from the free medical service conducted in the area. The programme was organised by the National Association of Seadogs (Pyrates Confraternity) and was held at the Bola Ahmed Tinubu Primary Health Centre (PHC), Abule-Ado. The free medical screening covered various areas of treatment such as Malaria, High Blood Pressure, Deworming Of Children, Diabetes, Pediatrics, Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) test, and Optometry. NAS leader, Mr. Abiola Owoaje said the exercise was carried out in recognition of the fact that many people cannot access

government-owned health facilities due to their poverty level. According to him the aim of the NAS's free medical mission is to help the government bridge the gap in the provision of quality health delivery. "What we do is to provide free medical care services to communities and we allow this to coincide with our Annual General Meetings or quarterly meetings which take place in different parts of Nigeria. "We do this in recognition that a lot of people have fallen out of the catchment nets in terms of the provision of basic healthcare facilities. "We recognize the fact that as much as the government would want to do, they can't carry out all these intervention services to the communities. "So, we would continue to do this and improve the services that we bring to the people, and during providing these services, we take data on services that we provide and the kind of issues they are confronted with on the field. It builds up advocacy and suggestions on the best way forward," he explained



Free Medical in Abule - Ado



## Council Boss Charges Navy Captain To Beef Up Security In Badagry

By Saheed Afolabi



L-R: Commander Nigeria Navy Forward Operating Base Badagry, Captain A Adams-Aliu and Chairman Badagry West LCDA, Hon Gbenu Henugbe Joseph

The chairman of Badagry West LCDA, Hon. Gbenu Henugbe Joseph has charged the newly posted Commander of the Nigeria Navy Forward Operating Base, Badagry, Capt. A. Adams-Aliu to beef up security on the Seme, Owode, and Yekeme

borders, including the waterways.

On the conduct of officers of the Nigerian Navy, the chairman commended the force for their high level of maturity, understanding, and cooperation with the council, noting that

they have been very supportive.

He, however, said he would appreciate such type of relationship with the new commander.

"I have constantly engaged our youths and residents of the area through various platforms to be modest

while relating with the officer on the road and they have always listened, however, we still have some bad eggs among the officers, but so far we've been able to manage issues that might want to escalate," he said.

Speaking, Navy Capt. A. Adams Aliu thanked the council boss for making out time to receive the team despite the very short notice.

"My purpose of the visit is to officially introduce

myself to you and the council, to inform you of the latest development, and that I have resume work fully."

He further explained that his predecessor was here in February however, due to exigency of duty, he was transferred for another work outside the country.

"I am happy to be here, I will tell you why, the creation of LCDA in Nigeria was a big problem, such that

Lagos was deprived of funds for months, now the time has passed and we can now know who was right and who was wrong. I am happy to see that the LCDA is operating effectively."

Alliu added that one of the major challenges of the area is the fact that the geographical location of Badagry West positions the local government as the gateway to Nigeria.

"I will do my best to improve the security system on the waterways," he added.

## Youths Demand More Posts In Sanwo-Olu's Government

By Saheed Afolabi

The youths under the aegis of the National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN), Badagry Division, have appealed to the Lagos State Government to include more youths from the Badagry division in his administration this second term.

The youth council also expressed appreciation to Sanwo-Olu for his immeasurable contribution towards the growth of Lagos, Badagry precisely, citing some of the major projects done so far.

They made the demand during the activities for the inauguration of the governor's second term in office.

Meanwhile, local council chairmen across Badagry have given Sanwo-Olu a pass mark, promising to support him in his second term in office.

Speaking, the chairman of Badagry LG, Hon. Onilude Segun, said Sanwo-Olu deserves a second term in office to enable 'A Greater Lagos Rising' agenda.

The chairman of Otto Awori LCDA, Hon. Musibau Ashafa commended Governor Sanwo-Olu for empowering the youths.

"We can all see what Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu did during his first term, and we are preparing for another term.

"The youths are happy with Governor Sanwo-Olu because they felt his impact during his first term, and we believe he is going to do more for youths in his second term," he said.

The chairman of Badagry West LCDA, Hon. Gbenu Joseph Henugbe, advised the youths to shun violence and drug abuse and do things that would ensure the rising of Greater Lagos.

Also speaking, the chairman of Olorunda LCDA, Hon. Olatunde Samson said Governor Sanwo-Olu's administration had so far embarked on inclusive governance, especially on youth-related issues, which had led to his re-

election with his deputy, Dr. Obafemi Hamzat for a second term.

"A lot of talents had been displayed at the Robotic Competition. She assured the youth that more programmes that would be of benefit to them would be embarked upon by the administration," he expressed.

As part of the inauguration events organised for the governor in the Badagry area, students from the ten local councils in the Badagry division, under Education District VI participated in a robotic competition and gifts were presented to the lucky winners.

The first position went to Ojo Senior High School, Iba Housing Junior Secondary School bagged the second position while Badagry Senior Grammar School got the third.

According to Hon. Kenthomaun Jacob, a member of the Inauguration Committee, the carnival is aimed at celebrating the Babajide Sanwo-Olu administration's second term.

## 'Jetty Project'll Boost Socio-economic Activities'

By Saheed Afolabi

The chairman of Badagry LG, Hon. Olusegun Onilude has expressed gratitude to Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu for completing the jetty project in the local government area, saying it would boost socio-economic activities in the area.

According to him, the project which the community had been expecting is a testament to the trustworthiness of the governor.

He said the residents and all other people working in the community would forever remember the Sanwo-Olu administration for what he has done to ease their affairs and boost their economy.

To round off his first term in office, Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu last week, commissioned jetty projects in eight local governments.

The governor commissioned the newly-constructed Jetty with Waiting Shelter and Shoreline Protection at Ajara-Isalu in Badagry local government.

Also commissioned simultaneously was a concrete jetty constructed at the Marina area of the council.

In a speech delivered at the commissioning, Governor Sanwo-Olu said the commissioning of the jetty, which would serve the teeming population of Ajara-Isalu and its environs, is in furtherance of his administration's commitment to promoting water transportation as a key component of its intermodal and integrated transportation system.



Badagry traditional rulers and chiefs at the commissioning of the Jetty in Badagry

Sanwo-Olu, who was represented by his Special Adviser on Public-Private Partnership (PPP), Ope George, said the occasion was organised as part of the programmes celebrating his second term inauguration and took place simultaneously in three other locations within Lagos West senatorial district.

He thanked the community people for believing in the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) and supporting the state government in its efforts to deliver dividends of democracy, noting that their loyalty would not be taken for granted.

"We will serve you to the best of our ability and deliver more dividends of democracy in our second term that will commence on Monday next week," the governor said.

The governor urged the community members to take ownership of the jetty and work closely with security agencies to ensure miscreants do not take over the facility.

The Commissioner for Waterfront Infrastructure Development, Arc. Kabiru Ahmed Abdullahi disclosed that the project was inherited from the previous government at a 21 percent completion level and completed by the Babajide Sanwo-Olu

administration since the government is a continuum.

According to him, the importance of the jetty to the socio-economic life of the beneficiary community could not be overemphasised because of its strategic location to the ever-bubbling early morning bulk farmers' market in the area.

"The people of Badagry and its environment buy directly from this market to resell at various markets within and outside Badagry and this jetty will assist in solving transportation challenges associated with moving their commodities from one place to another," the commissioner said.

Abdullahi disclosed that the jetty boasts standard waiting shelters with toilet facilities.

He said it also has a borehole with 1.5 submersible pumping machines and 10KVA generating set to ensure 24/7 uninterrupted power supply for good hygiene.

Other facilities in place at the concrete jetty, he said, are shoreline protection, floating pontoons, hydraulic sand fills for the paved areas, and laying of paving stones to beautify the environment and make it conducive.

He stressed that with the jetty sited in the area, commercial activities would be highly activated as well as easy and quick transportation of perishable farm products is assured.



# NFF President Appreciates Sports Minister Over Achievements In Football

By Saheed Afolabi

**T**he NFF President, Ibrahim Gusau has appreciated the outgoing Minister of Youth and Sports, Sunday Dare for his remarkable contribution to the development of football in Nigeria.

Dare will be leaving his post as the administration of President Muhammadu Buhari officially comes to an end today, May 29, 2023.

Gusau commended Dare for fulfilling the policies and programmes he brought on board.

"First of all I just want to say something about his

stewardship as the minister of sports for four years, and you had it all from the president of the Nigeria Olympic committee. He has outlined all his achievements, all the policies, all the programs he has brought into the system, some have started working, while the impact of others will be seen after he leaves.

"The most unfortunate thing is that I came just a few months back and we just started, and God is so kind we have started to understand ourselves and working very well together and unfortunately he is going to leave, we started

working together and it has started paying.

"I must say he is a hardworking man, he tried his best, and we will continue to remember him.

"The only thing we can wish him is to wish him well, we wish him God's protection, and God should even elevate him higher, but we will miss him in the football industry."

The Nigeria Football boss hopes the next minister would maintain Dare's legacies and do better than him.

"We hope to have another minister that will continue with the legacy of Sunday Dare and even do more so



Sunday Dare and NFF President, Ibrahim Gusau

that tomorrow we can talk good about whoever is going to come.

"So we hope anybody that is going to come in should at least maintain

the legacies of Sunday Dare and even do more for us to talk about it."

## Daniel Akpeyi Recaps How He Was Almost Killed For Riyad Mahrez Goal

By Saheed Afolabi



Daniel Akpeyi in goal trying to save Riyad Mahrez freekick

**N**igeria International, Daniel Akpeyi has recapped how he was almost killed for letting in Riyad Mahrez's freekick goal at the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations.

Akpeyi, who was the goal custodian against Algeria in the semifinal of the 2019 AFCON, conceded a late goal from a freekick executed by Mahrez at the edge of the 18-yard box. The goal came at the dearth of the game which gave the Algerians victory in the final.

Speaking about the incident, Akpeyi

described Mahrez as the striker he dreaded most in football as he conceded a goal from the Manchester City player that almost ended his life.

The Moroka Swallows goal custodian described the goal as a brilliant one for other people but it was a life-threatening situation for him.

"Riyad Mahrez is the player that has given me something I won't forget because he scored me a very beautiful goal in the nations cup 2019 and I was almost killed by Nigerians for

conceding that goal.

"It is just part of the game because he went on to score a whole lot of brilliant goals to other people but my case was a big story."

The 36-year-old Super Eagles goalkeeper said he is open to national team invitation but focused on his club side where he has an existing contract.

"I usually don't focus on these things, I just play my game, when I get a call up it's fine, if am going to be there it's fine but most importantly, I have to keep my focus on where I have a contract," he stated.

## Nigeria Badminton Federation Boss, Orbih Elected Into Continental Body

By Saheed Afolabi

**T**he president of the Badminton Federation of Nigeria (BFN), Francis Orbih Esq has been elected as a council member of the Badminton Confederation Africa (BCA) at the world congress that took place on Thursday in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

He had earlier lost in 2021 when he sought a two-year tenure. However, he regained his victory this year, bagging a four-year tenure instead of the shorter one he lost.

He remarked that with his victory, Nigeria is back in the boardroom where decisions about the administration of the game of badminton in Africa are taken.

"Nigeria will definitely have more voice in influencing positively such decisions making," he said.

Tukebana Michel Bau of Seychelles retained his post as the BCA president. He was returned unopposed. Elected as the Deputy President is Zambia's Kingsley Mulenga who defeated the incumbent Amine Zobiri of Algeria.

Botswana's Mpiwa Bosenogile defeated the

incumbent Mrs. Chipso Zumbrani of Zimbabwe to become the treasurer.

Eleven members out of 21 contestants were elected into the council.

They are Odette Assembe Engoulou (Cameron); Rajen Pultoo (MRI); Dr. Hesham Fouad Mohamed El Tohamy (EGY); Jeanette Moneoang Leshota (LES); Simon Mugabi (Uganda); Aubin Houndagnon Assogba (BEN); Dro Honore Zolobe (CIV); Francis ORBIH (Nigeria); Mohamed Moncef Zemmouchi (Algeria); Micheal John Noone (South Africa); and Michael Shamsu Mustapha (SLE).

## NFF Appeals Committee Chairman Promises Fairness In Justice

By Saheed Afolabi

**T**he newly inaugurated NFF Appeals Committee chairman, Barr. Gandhi Umar Mohammed has promised to be fair in delivering justice in the cases brought to the committee.

The NFF President, Ibrahim Gusau, has recently inaugurated the NFF Appeals Committee to handle issues brought by football stakeholders who are not satisfied with the decisions of the disciplinary committee.

Mohammed assured the NFF and football

stakeholders that the new appeals committee spearheaded by him will be dedicated, committed, and serve with all honesty.

He said the committee will key into the NFF objectives to ensure the growth of football in Nigeria through its decisions.

The appeal committee chairman also assured Nigerians and football stakeholders of responsiveness to issues brought upon its commitment to deal with.

"I want to assure the NFF President, Board, and Management, and indeed the Football

fraternity, that we are committed, dedicated, and willing to serve purposefully, truthfully, fairly, and justly to attain the goals and objectives of this administration in its desire to ensure real growth of the Nigeria game.

"I have seen my members and I am assured of responsiveness and total commitment to the task at hand towards the development of Nigeria Football."

The appeals committee will deal with the grievances of affected football stakeholders and issue a final verdict on the matter.