

THE NEXT LEVEL FOR REGIONAL TRADE DEVELOPMENT

- Accelerated Port And Logistics Infrastructure Development
- Regional Trade Integration And Seamless Facilitation
- Hinterland Rail Connectivity

With final signing of the Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agreement by President Muhammadu Buhari, the President of Federal Republic of Nigeria the long awaited antidote needed to prepare Africa to compete in the global trade as unified body has just be injected into regional body.

Muhammad Buhari endorsing the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agreement as the 53rd country on the continent to append its signature to the document the African Economic Community with the potentials of boosting trade in Africa and accelerating economic development through easy flow of goods and service within the region.

This is the next level for Africa economic development, a level that can present the region as global trade contender to the Europe, China and America and the rest of the world. However trade and links are interconnected and the maritime sea corridors will continue to prove the greatest capacity for volume of trade movement and while rail connectivity to hinterland will help guarantee that this volume is evenly distributed seamlessly otherwise the agreement is will stay as static signature with power to transform the economic. In the next few years Africa countries will have to work hard in creating the links through developing coastal water navigational and shipping capacities, regional and sub-regional rail and pipelines where port cities like Lagos, Portharcourt, Tema, Contiué, Duala Accra will be playing are all connected directly. The success of the regional trade is directly reliant on the transport connectivity.

At NIMPORT 2019, the importance of the Maritime port, logistics and the free trade sector in this regional aspiration is recanted while the role of government, public and private sector in helping to offer the transportation and logistics solutions connecting the regions manufacturers, shippers and consumers and to offer a true globally competitive region will be discussed.

The Theme: 'Fostering Africa's Global Trade Competitiveness' is to give direction to call for greater economic and trade integration of Africa States and to make the continent stronger and more competitive in global trade.

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Agenda

Maritime Industry Performance Award & Expo Cocktail

- 25 August 2019
- 4 pm- 7pm

Opening Conference

- 26 August 2019
- 9.00am-04.00pm

Conference/Workshop Session

- 27 August 2019
- 09.00am-04.00pm

Workshop/ City Boat Ride

- 28 October 2019
- 09.00am-03.00pm

