

**PROGRESS REPORT OF NIGERIA NATIONAL  
FACILITATION COMMITTEE (NFC)  
ABIDJAN – LAGOS CORRIDOR ORGANIZATION (ALCO)**

**PRESENTATION**

**REGIONAL WORKSHOP FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF  
THE WORLD BANK-FINANCED ABIDJAN-LAGOS TRADE  
AND TRANSPORT FACILITATION PROJECT (ALTTFP) YEAR**

**5 REPORT**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The National Facilitation Committee is a product of Decisions of ECOWAS Heads of States and Government, vide Protocol No. A/DEC.9/01/05

## **THE NIGERIA NATIONAL FACILTATION COMMITTEE (NFC)**

- I. Nigeria NFC was inaugurated on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2008
- II. The Protocol establishing the NFC confers the position of the Chair to the Federal Ministry of Transport even as it serves as the secretariat of Inter-Ministerial Committee.

## **MEMBER ORGANIZATION OF NIGERIA NFC**

Memberships were drawn from the following organizations as spelt out in the Protocol:

- I. Federal Ministry of Transport
- II. Nigeria Customs Service
- III. Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA)
- IV. Nigeria Immigration Service
- V. Nigeria Police Force
- VI. Nigeria Shippers Council
- VII. Nigeria Ports Authority
- VIII. Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment
- IX. Nigerian Export Import (NEXIM) Bank
- X. Association of Licensed Customs Agents
- XI. And other relevant organizations

## **MANDATE OF THE NIGERIA NFC**

The NFC as Inter-Ministerial Committee is expected to:

- I. Organize Regular Meetings
- II. Monitor Road Corridors

- III. Check Multiplicity of Checkpoints
- IV. Other barriers to Trade and Transport
- V. Produce Regular Report
- VI. Ensure free movements of Goods and Passengers

## **PRESENT SITUATION**

- I. The Nigeria NFC has progressed substantially in achieving the mandate of trade facilitation and Corridor monitoring;
- II. The Nigeria NFC is having a positive turn around through her efforts and other stakeholders.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

- I. The NFC holds Quarterly Meetings
- II. Procurement of a 14-seater Bus for Corridor Monitoring
- III. Partnering and collaborating with other sister agencies: LAKAJI (Lagos – Kano – Jibiya) Corridor Organization; Borderless Alliance; ALCO (Abidjan – Lagos Corridor Organization); Nigeria Police; Nigeria Customs; Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) ; NEXIM Bank; Nigeria Shippers Council (NSC) etc. in order to ensure free movements of goods and passengers in the respective corridors in Nigeria.
- IV. In September 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 2013, the NFC focal Desk Officer was part of the Nigeria-Niger Joint Commission Committee Meeting at Tahoua, Niger Republic.

During which a visit on the road corridor from Sokoto – Illela, a distance of 152 Km was conducted. Similarly, a monitoring visit was conducted from Birnin Koni – Tahoua, a distance of 137 Km

- V. In November 2013, the NFC used the instrumentality of the 7<sup>th</sup> ECOWAS Trade Fair in Ghana to conduct a monitoring visit to Lagos – Abuja road corridor a distance of 756.2 Km {enroute Ghana }.
- VI. The NFC plan to call for a meeting to discuss its findings in order to reduce the number of check points to 3 per 100km.
- VII. The Abuja – Lagos road is currently undergoing expansion, construction and rehabilitation.
- VIII. Federal Government awarded contract for the rehabilitation and dualization of Ilorin-Jebba-Mokwa-Tegina-Kaduna road [November,2013].
- IX. Federal Government had equally awarded contract for the rehabilitation of Mokwa-Bida-Agaie-Lapai-Lambata road corridor.
- X. NFC, Nigeria underscored the essence of Lagos-Jebba-Kontagora-Kaduna-Katsina-Jibiya corridor at the TAH Continental Validation Workshop held at Accra Ghana from 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2013
- XI. Report of the 2013 on NFC was approved and subsequently distributed.
- XII. Nigeria NFC carried out monitoring exercises of the following Corridors in September, 2013 - 2015
  - 1. Abuja – Lagos – Seme
  - 2. Abuja – Ilorin – Oyo – Saki – Okerete

3. Abuja – Onitsha – Aba

XIII. Report of the Monitoring covers:

Road Condition

Check Points by various Agencies

Road blocks by various Agencies

## **ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2015**

- I. The Nigeria NFC undertook monitoring visits to the listed corridors:
- II. Lagos – Seme/Krake Corridor Monitoring
- III. Lagos – Kano – Jibiya (LAKAJI)
- IV. Enugu – Abakaliki – Ikom – Adikpo – Zaki – Biam to the border of Cameroun
- V. Lagos – Kontagora – Sokoto – Illela to the border of Niger Republic
- VI. Nationwide inspection of Weigh Bridges
- VII. Review of NNFC activities Meeting in November
- VIII. Road Transport Workshop coming up in December

## **CHALLENGES**

- I. Funding challenges
- II. Administrative Exigencies

## **RECOMMENDATIONS/CONCLUSIONS**

ALCO should make it mandatory for member nations to incorporate HIV/AIDS in all deliberations. National Agency for the Control of Aids (NACA) is doing well [in this direction] in Nigeria

**THANK YOU**

**NFC NIGERIA**

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