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**RE-ENERGISING NIGERIAN
CONTENT INITIATIVES FOR
TODAY'S OIL & GAS MARKET**

Theme:

Re-energising Nigerian Content Initiatives for Today's Oil & Gas Market'

The 6th Practical Nigerian Content (PNC) Forum organised by the CWC Group and Levmore Services in partnership with the Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB) took place from 22 - 24 November 2016.

The Conference was themed: "Re-energising Nigerian Content in Today's Oil and Gas Market," and held in Abuja for the first time, with over 250 attendees, including Government representatives, captains of industries, legislators and chief executives of operating and service companies. It was rounded off on the third day with a site visit to the SCC Pipe Mill in Bwari, FCT, Nigeria.

Conference

To review the implementation of the NOGICDA, 2010 in today's operating environment and proffer the innovative ways in which Nigerian Content implementation can lead to reduced costs and increased efficiency in Nigeria's oil and gas industry.

Programme

The event began with the opening remarks by the President of the Global Local Content Council and Pioneer Executive Secretary of NCDMB, Engr. Ernest Nwapa, who stressed the need for government at highest levels to champion Nigerian Content. He noted that though the NCDMB had been at the forefront of implementing the NOGICD Act, there was need for more traction.

He thanked His Excellency President Muhammadu Buhari for appointing Engr. Simbi Kesiye Wabote, a renowned oil and gas professional and expert in Local Content as the substantive Executive Secretary of the NCDMB and expressed belief that he would bring his wealth of experience to bear on the role.

In his Welcome Address, Engr. Wabote expressed his delight to be part of the conference and highlighted the role of Nigerian Content in promoting investment and developing in-country value.

Engr Wabote emphasised that the NCDMB will focus on building a platform for knowledge sharing and work with the legislature to expand the Nigerian Content legislation to other sectors of the economy. He also assured that the NCDF will be made accessible to legitimate investors with proven track record.

The Honorable Minister of State for Petroleum Resources, Dr Emmanuel Ibe Kachikwu was represented by his Senior Technical Adviser (Upstream & Gas), Mr. Adegbite Adeniji. He confirmed that the Ministry would continue to support the NCDMB and its initiatives. He charged the NCDMB to incorporate the Federal Government's "7 Big Wins" in the implementation of the NOGICD Act 2010 and promote value addition across the oil and gas value chain.

He said the NCDMB has laid a solid foundation and made companies in the oil and gas industry comply with the NOGICD Act. He further said that Nigerian Content is a ready tool to diversify the economy and this current administration was aware of the key role played by the NCDMB. Finally, he expressed the passion of H.E. President Muhammadu Buhari for Nigerian Content.

Other Eminent Speakers at the Conference Included:

- **Honourable Emmanuel Ekon**, Chairman of the House Committee Local Content, **House of Representatives - Federal Republic of Nigeria**
Represented by **Honourable Suleiman Kwande**, Deputy Chairman of the House Committee Local Content, **House of Representatives - Federal Republic of Nigeria**
- **H.E. Honourable Henry Seriake-Dickson**, Executive Governor, **Bayelsa State Government**
Represented by **Rt. Hon. Talford Ongolo**, JP, Chief of Staff, **Government House, Bayelsa State**
- **Inye Kemabonta**, Former National Coordinator, **Office for Nigerian Content Development in ICT**
- **Taofik Adegbite**, Chief Executive Officer, **Marine Platforms**
- **Rose Chukwuonwe**, Coordinator – Legal Services, **Nigerian Content Development & Monitoring Board**
- **Bank Anthony Okoroafor**, Chairman, **Petroleum Technology Association of Nigeria**
- **Seun Faluyi**, Managing Director/ Founder, **Offshore Dimensions**
- **Akintunde Adelana**, Director – Monitoring & Evaluation, **Nigerian Content Development & Monitoring Board**
- **Chiedu Oba**, General Manager - Nigerian Content Development, **Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria**
- **Olusoga Oduselu**, General Manager – Nigerian Content Development, **Chevron Nigeria**
- **Greg Ogbeifun**, President, **Ship Owners Association of Nigeria**
- **Bunmi Obembe**, Chairman, International Centre for Energy (ICE), West Africa & Executive Director, **Total Exploration & Production Nigeria (Retired)**
- **Dele Aikhionbare**, Nigerian Content Director, **Schlumberger**
- **Sylvester Iduseri**, Manager - Capacity Development, **Total E&P Nigeria Ltd**
- **Abdulmalik Halilu**, General Manager - Corporate Services and Logistics, **Nigerian Content Development & Monitoring Board**
- **Sunny Ojieh**, Local Content Leader, West Africa, **GE**
- **Obinna Ofili**, General Manager - Finance and Accounts, **Nigerian Content Development & Monitoring Board**
- **Balarabe Hassan**, Regional Head - South South, **Bank of Industry**

Discussion Topics:

1. National Content as a Driver of Domestic Capacity Development and Economic Growth across Sectors
2. Interrogating the Practicality of the Nigerian Content Act In Today's Operating Environment
3. Nigerian Content - A Key to Reduced Cost, Added Value & Optimised Efficiency?
4. Creating More Opportunities for Independent Producers in the Upstream Sector
5. International Best Practice for National Content Policy, Implementation & Governance
6. Increasing Access to Finance - Rejuvenating Industry Activities in the Nigerian Oil & Gas Industry

Resolutions:

- There should be collaborations to extend the Nigerian Content policy to other sectors to deepen the impact on the Nigerian economy and improve the wellbeing of the citizens
- The legislative arm of government should be engaged to ensure proper understanding of Local Content and the need for a strong legislative frame work for Nigerian Content to grow sustainably
- Revitalisation of the manufacturing sector is vital in promoting in-country spend, creation of jobs for youths and developing the skills and knowledge base of Nigerians to increase national competitive advantage
- Opportunities for Local Content within the Downstream sector has yet to be explored
- Extending Local Content to key sectors such as Science & Technology, Construction, Works and Power amongst others should be at the forefront of governments agenda
- Investments should be encouraged in software development and efforts should be made to protect intellectual property right as there is real value to be derived
- The waiver regime should be reviewed to enable the NCDMB engage companies on a case by case basis to ensure it is not abused by the industry
- There needs to be increased synergy between the NCDMB and the MDA's who carry out final issuances concerning industry players' adherences to expatriate quotas
- Nigerian Universities will be engaged through the NCDMB's R&D initiative to equip and enhance their products with requisite skills sets and retirees should be encouraged to take up mentorship or teaching young talents
- Information sharing should be encouraged so that investors are aware of what others doing to avoid unnecessary duplication of capacity building efforts. This can be done by sharing information on skill gaps so as to create a demand pull for a long term business plan
- The process of acquiring marginal fields has not been very transparent in the past, therefore the relevant agencies should ensure competence of companies with a proven track record before field are awarded
- Government should encourage business continuity through sustainable and forward thinking policy as it is the main determinant of investment decisions
- Nigerian citizens at the grassroots should be able to see the impact of what has been done in the oil and gas industry

Action Plans:

- The NCDMB has committed to issuing guidelines on the response time for documents submitted to its offices
- In line with Section 106 of the Act, NCDMB will expand its operations to systematically include the midstream and downstream sectors
- The NCDMB will roll out the revised operating model that will enhance access to NCDF by service providers
- Research and Development culture will be inculcated in the industry, through the implementation of R&D guidelines
- The NCDMB will formally engage the Government of Bayelsa State on issues raised at the PNC
- The NCDMB will continue to support efforts to implement Local Content across other sectors such as Power, ICT and Construction
- Digitising Government data to enable general public access information
- Need for collaboration between the NCDMB, operators and academia to enhance Research and Development - NCDMB will pursue adoption of institutions under Adopt a Faculty Initiative
- NCDMB to pursue domiciliation of manufacturing for paints and other goods used in the oil and gas industry with emphasis on producing products that meet industry standards
- Promote industry collaboration to aggregate industry business plans
- The underlying reason why second generation international oil companies do not have a footprint in Nigeria should be reviewed
- 2017 PNC will be held in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State
- The Conference will return to Yenagoa in future once the NCDMB's permanent site is completed



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New location: Uyo, Akwa Ibom