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For the National Sugar Development Council (NSDC), Nigeria's quest to attain self-sufficiency in sugar production as contained in the Nigerian Sugar Master Plan (NSMP) is a task to be pursued with vigour and sustained commitments by all stakeholders in the sector.

It was in line with this reasoning that the Council recently reviewed the earlier approved Backward Integration Programme (BIP) for operators in order to address certain concerns capable of frustrating the NSMP implementation. The revised BIP document also speltout guidelines that would fast-track the attainment of the BIP component of the NSMP.

Only recently, important stakeholders in the sugar sector converged on the beautiful city of Calabar, Cross Rivers state for the Southern Region Sugar Sensitization forum with the topic; "Keeping the Implementation of NSMP on Track for Sugar Self-Sufficiency". The event had participants drawn

from relevant government establishments, private sector, farmers' groups, cooperative societies as well as youth groups.

Also, participants of the Senior Executive Course no. 39 from the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS), Kuru, near Jos, Plateau state were at the NSDC Corporate Headquarters on study tour. The team led by the Acting Director General of the Institute, Mr. Jonathan Juma was received by the Executive Secretary, Dr. Latif Busari.

In this edition of SUGAR NEWS, we have important sugar sector-related developments, including inhouse news as well as important events in the sugar industry for your reading delight. Welcome.

Editor-In-Chief

Dr. Busari charges stakeholders on NSMP implementation

10-year roadmap for the sugar community hostility as well industry code-named the Nigerian Sugar Master Plan by the release of water (NSMP) which is currently being from the Kainji and Jebba implemented, stakeholders in dams as some of the key the sector must redouble their efforts and show more smooth implementation of commitments.

This was the submission of the Speaking on the measures Executive Secretary of the National Sugar Development address the above-Council (NSDC), Dr.Latif Busari mentioned issues, Dr. at the recently held sugar Busari said such measures sensitization forum for include; " revision of the stakeholders in the Southern Backward Integration region in Calabar, Cross Rivers Programme (BIP) Key state.

sustained commitments to implementation of BIP plans by and creation of jobs,

or Nigeria to record operators, laxity in success in the operational procedures implementation of the and performance rating, as flooding of sugar estates challenges confronting the the NSMP.

introduced by the NSDC to Performance Indicators Dr. Busari identified lack of (KPI) with weights that will favour actual production



Executive Secretary, Dr. Latif Busari addressing newsmen at the recently held sugar forum in Calabar, Cross River State.

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implementation of a more robust other agricultural projects on the mechanism, presentation of issues pertaining to release of land allocation to the National Economic Council to solicit the support of the State Governors for sugar operators whose project land are being threatened".

Other measures introduced also include, "Initiation of interaction by the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment and the National Sugar Development Council with relevant MDAs to engender interventions against operational challenges like flooding, sensitization of communities hosting sugar and sugar estate, creation of 7,000 jobs:

monitoring and feedback economic diversification agenda of government as well as the valuable benefits of these projects and therefore the need to avoid all acts that may disrupt operations and foster effective synergy with other agencies of government as partners in progress and working to achieve the same ends".

> He said despite these challenges, the NSMP has in the last five years recorded some remarkable progress which include, new investments valued at about N157bn, establishments of a new 50,000tons annum sugar factory at the Sunti

up from a total of 3,500 employed by all the refineries as at 2013 as well as the expansion of sugar cubing and packaging facilities by existing and new companies.

While assuring participants at the event of government's commitment toward achieving the goals contained in the NSMP, Dr. Busari said, "The prospects in the next five years in the implementation of the NSMP we trust will meet all our expectations. We are confident that with commitments already signed on to by the operators and actions by government and its agencies, sugar production levels will increase".

FG. Sugar refinery operators sign revised edition of Backward Integration Programme (BIP)

Programme (BIP) for the sector in Abuja.

The revised BIP plan which is expected to run for five years, contains strategies, plans and programmes that would ensure as well as fast-track the attainment of the BIP component of the Nigerian Sugar Master Plan (NSMP).

Speaking at the signing ceremony, the Honourable Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, Dr. Okechukwu Enelamah lauded the idea, stressing that it will guide government and other stakeholders in the sugar sector on the steps to take in achieving quicker results in the sector.

he Federal Government and Dr. Enemalah who stressed the Executive Secretary of the National

In his welcome address, the Operators which have been

representatives of major need for the BIP Operators to Sugar Development Council sugar refineries in Nigeria remain committed to the (NSDC), Dr. Latif D. Busari, said the which include, BUA Sugar, Dangote guidelines contained in the revised BIP of the refineries remains a Sugar and Golden Sugar Refinery edition of the BIP, urged them to be major strategy for achieving the have signed the revised edition of transparent and sincere with objectives of the NSMP, adding the Backward Integration regards to the provisions of the BIP. that government will ensure that the new guidelines for BIP



3rd from Right: Hon. Minister of Industry, Trade & Investment, Dr. Okechukwu Enelamah, Executive Secretary (NSDC), Dr. Latif Busari (2nd from Left) alongside representatives of major BIP operators during the signing of the revised edition of the BIP in Abuja

circulated are adhered to.

Dr. Busari said, "It is in this regard that I am appealing to all MDAs, to Sugar Road map especially members of the Sugar Implementation Committee Roadmap Implementation (SURMIC) and the Sugar Industry Committee (SURMIC) whose Monitoring Group (SIMOG), to progress in the sugar sector. monitoring and other regulatory facilitate their monitoring statutory functions impact on the functions and keep pace with He pledged the support and NSMP, for their support and developments at the BIP sites". cooperation in the tasks ahead".

has already developed Engr. Abdullahi A. Sule while

templates will be made available

Speaking on behalf of the BIP On how to ensure compliance, Dr. Operators, the Group Managing Busari said, "The Sugar Council Director, Dangote Sugar Refinery,

monitoring templates for the next commending the idea, called on phase of the NSMP. These the Federal Government to address challenges such as community hostilities and lack of access to land which according to him are capable of stalling

> cooperation of other BIP Operators, and assured that they will comply with all the guidelines contained in the revised edition.

Niger State, Dangote Group sign MOU on new sugar project

he Niger state government and will generate 45MW of electricity". the Dangote Group recently Understanding (MOU) for the Aliko Dangote, in his address at the event, establishment of an integrated sugar expressed gratitude to the Niger State project in the State.

Niger state, was attended by the conceived since 2013. Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, Alhaji He noted that apart from empowerment Aliyu A. Bisalla, who represented the of farmers (as sugarcane outgrowers) in Honourable Minister, while Malam the locality who will be engaged to Governor Bello expressed the readiness Council, and Mr. Chris Mbamalu. Special Assistant to the Executive Secretary represented Sugar Council.

FMITI, Alhaji Aliyu Bisalla congratulated the State Government and the Dangote Group for the MOU and noted sugar project aligns with the FGN's Industrial Revolution Plan designed to facilitate food-security in Nigeria.

According to the Dangote Group, the sugar project which will be located around Mambe, Lavun LGA of Niger State will cost "US\$450million for a 12,000TCD mill, on a 16,000ha land and

signed a Memorandum of President of the Dangote Group, Alhaji Government for its investment-friendly programmes and policies which had The event which took place in Minna, enabled the realization of a project

project is part of the grand design of the Dangote Sugar to produce 1.5million MT of sugar under the Nigeria Sugar Master In his remarks, the Permanent Secretary, Plan being Implemented to make Nigeria self-sufficient in sugar production. This

will be the fourth sugar project of Dangote Sugar after the Savannah Sugar Company, Numan Adamawa State, Lau/Tau Sugar Taraba State and Tunga Sugar Project in Nasarawa State.

On his part, Niger State Governor, Alhaji Sanni Bello, commended the Dangote Group for choosing Niger State to site two gigantic projects - Sugar and Rice production facilities.

Mohammed Jika, Director Technical produce at least 30% of sugarcane to be of his administration to open the state to Services, National Sugar Development milled, the Group plans to establish a other investors, noting that Rice project to produce 200,000MT Rice establishment of a Free Trade Zone in paddy/day in the State. The Sugar Babanna area which had long being proposed will be revived to exploit the potentials for Cotton, Sesame and Rice cultivation.



Niger State Governor, Alhaji Abubakar Bello and President, Dangote Group, Alhaji Dangote and others during the signing of an MOU on sugar project in the state.

Effective outgrower scheme critical to achieving NSMP, Dr. Agbana

effective outgrower scheme must be "sugar companies should invite designed to ensure success in the leaders and youths of communities implementation of the Nigeria Sugar whose farmland have been Dr. Agbana also advocated for the Master Plan (NSMP).

success of an outgrower scheme sugarcane". relies mainly on the selection of outgrower farmers, cooperative "Sugar companies should ensure societies and outgrower association, viability of these groups and said the bio-data of individual farmer associations because they are a must must equally be assessed in order to for effective production of cheap raw ascertain their performance.

Dr. Agbana who disclosed this in a paper presentation titled "Charting a On land issues and payment of new course for Backward Integration compensations to owners, Dr. Programme - Sugarcane farmers Agbana said, while land disputes are perspectives" at the Sugar common in most large scale sensitization forum in Calabar, Cross agricultural ventures, sugar Rivers state, said while emphasis is companies must ensure that placed on youths in communities, members of the host communities women groups and few elders with are carried along even while dealing large household should be withgovernment representatives. incorporated into the scheme.

he General Manager, He stressed the need for companies extensive dialogues are required

materials for the factory".

"To prevent delay on development,

Confluence Sugar Company to create an enabling environment beginning from paramount leaders Limited, Ibeji Kogi State Dr. for well-organized outgrower to village heads, youth leaders etc. Silas Agbana says a coordinated and association to thrive, adding that with assurance of involving the rural dwellers in outgrowers' schemes".

converted to canefields within 15-20 creation of an independent kilometer radius of the factory to outgrower section or department Dr. Agbana who noted that the apply for contract on supply of that will fast-track all activities related to outgrowers sugarcane cultivation.



Dr. Silas Agbana General Manager, Confluence Sugar Company

NIPPS Course 39 participants visit NSDC Headquarters



R-Li The Acting Director General of NIPSS, Mr. Jonathan Juma, Mni, presenting some of the institute's publications to the Executive Secretary of the NSDC, Dr. Latif Busari during a study tour to the Council.

n line with the objectives of the theme of their study, participants of the Senior Executive Course No. 39 from the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS), Kuru, near Jos, visited the Corporate Headquarters of the National Sugar Development Council (NSDC), Abuja.

Briefing the NSDC Management on the essence of the visit, the Acting Director General of NIPSS, Mr. Jonathan Juma Mni, said the approved study theme by Mr. President for the course participants which is "Science Technology and Innovation for the development of agriculture and agro-allied industries in Nigeria" necessitated their visit to the Council.

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Member, Senate Committee on Industry, Senator Barnabas Gemade in a chat with newsmen at the Southern region sugar forum in Cross River State.



L-R: Special Assistant to Executive Secretary, NSDC, Mr. Chris Mbamalu, Director, Human Resource Management (HRM), Mr. Samuel Kwabe and Director, Technical Service (TS), Malam Mohammed Jika at the sugar forum in Calabar, Cross River State.



Director, PPRS, Mr. Hezekiah Kolawole delivering the welcome address at NSDC Sugar Forum in Calabar, Cross River State.

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L-R: Executive Secretary, NSDC, Dr. Latif Busari addressing members of the NIPSS Senior Executive course No. 39 while the institutes Acting Director General, Mr. Jonathan Juma, Mni looks on



NSDC Management Team and members of the Senior Executive Course (SEC) No. 39 from the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS) in a group photograph at the Council corporate headquarters in Abuja.



Deputy Director, Public Affairs, (NSDC) Malam Ahmed Waziri in a warm handshake with the Acting Director General, NIPSS, Mr. Jonathan Juma Mni. during the institute's study tour to Sugar Council office in Abuja.



Acting Director General of NIPSS, Mr. Jonathan Juma, Mni.

He said the NSDC, given its core mandate is one of the strategic institutions critical to the attainment of the group's theme.

Mr. Juma who was once the Desk Officer on sugar in the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment congratulated the NSDC for the approval and commencement of the NSMP, which he said gives clear policy focus and solid foundation for achievement of self-sufficiency in sugar production in Nigeria.

In his address, the NSDC Executive Secretary, Dr. Latif Busari thanked the leadership of NIPSS for choosing the Council as one of the strategic institutions whose activities are critical to the attainment of their objectives.

In a paper presentation on the Nigerian Sugar Master Plan (NSMP), Dr. Busari explained the deliverables of the NSMP, science technology and innovation in the sugar industry, key challenges and measures being taken to ensure meaningful implementation of the sugar roadmap.

He urged the participants to use all information obtained during their tour to advice government on the need to focus more on agriculture and agro-allied industries, especially with regards to the several uncertainties surrounding.

oil.

In a vote of thanks, the Director, Human Resource Management, Mr. Samuel Kwabe expressed Council's delight for the honour bestowed on it by the NIPSS leadership for choosing the NSDC as one of the agencies to visit.

While acknowledging that the visit was the first by NIPSS Course participants to the Council, Mr. Kwabe assured them of NSDC's continued support and cooperation during and after their programme.

NSDC constitutes 'Transparency and Ease of Doing Business' team, charges staff to key in

o ensure strict compliance to the provisions of the Executive Order (EO-1) on Transparency and ease of doing business as signed by Acting President Yemi Osinbajo which emphasized the need for civil servants to be more diligent and professional in handling of government activities, the Executive Secretary of the National Sugar Development Council, Dr. Latif Busari has constituted a team to domesticate the order within the Council.

The seven-member team which has the Director, Finance and

Accounts (DFA), Malam Auwalu Abubakar as Chairman, is charged with the responsibility to ensure that members of staff carry out government assignments in the best possible ways.

In a paper presentation at the Council Corporate office in Abuja, the team's Secretary, Mr. Subair O. Fatai, said the essence of the Executive Order is basically about the way government officials go about their work.

"We need to change the game to bring about conducive environment that will attract domestic and foreign investments required for economic growth, employment generation and reduction in poverty level".

Mr. Fatai quoted Vice President Yemi Osinbajo as saying, "Anytime we create obstacles for doing business, we attack the Nigerian economy, we attack our prosperity as a nation, we also attack our future".

Other members of the team are, Mr. Umar Bala, Mr. Yusuf Lamidi, Mrs. Fauziyat Omoshewo and Mr. Samad Adeniyi.

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Sugar stakeholders converge on Calabar to compare notes on NSMP implementation

The beautiful city of Calabar, the capital of Cross Rivers state, recently played host to stakeholders in the nation's sugar industry who converged there for the Sugar Sensitization Forum for the Southern Region of the country organized by the National Sugar Development Council (NSDC).

The forum which drew participants from the public and private sectors as well as the academia, took critical look at the Nigerian Sugar Master Plan agreements they entered into to ensure progress in the sugar industry. He assured participants of necessary legislative supports required to grow the sector.

The Executive Secretary of the National Sugar Development Council (NSDC), Dr. Latif D. Busari delivered a keynote address titled, "Highlight of the Mid Term Review Workshop on the Implementation of the Nigerian Sugar Master Plan (NSMP) - Progress in the First Half (2013-2017) and Focus in the

Lagos; Ibrahim A. Yaro; Dangote Sugar Refinery Lagos; Engr. Sule Abdullahi; and Sunti Golden Sugar Estate Limited; Mr. Anlo du Pisani.

Other presenters at the event were General Manager, Confluence Sugar Company, Ibaji, Kogi State,Dr. Silas Agbana, who presented a paper on "Sugarcane Farmers/Out-growers" as well as Dr. Shola Odusanya, Scientific Consultant, Bio Crops Biotech Company Limited with the topic; Sugarcane



R-L: MD, Dangote Sugar Refinery, Engr. Sule Abdullahi, Member, Senate Committee on Idustry, ienator Barnabas Gemade, Executive Secretary, NSDC, Dr. Latif Busari, MD BUA Sugar, Alh. Ibrahim Yaro and MD, Sunti Golden Sugar Estate, Mr. Anio Du Pisani while observing the National Anthem at the recently held sugar forum in Cross River State.

(NSMP), which is in its 5" year of implementation, focusing on the gains as well as the challenges confronting it.

Speakers took turn to present researched papers and progress reports which centered on the theme of the workshop which was "Keeping the Implementation of NSMP on Track for Sugar Self-Sufficiency and Sub-Theme was Charting a New Course for BIP Implementation- the Perspective of the Players".

The Chairman of the workshop, Senator Sam Egwu, Chairman, Senate Committee on Industry, who was represented by Senator Barnabas Gemade, stressed the need for industry players to remain committed to the

Second Half (2018-2023)".

Dr. Busari's presentation which dwelt on some challenges confronting the implementation of the NSMP, said lack of sustained commitments to implementation of BIP plans by operators, laxity in operational procedures and performance rating, community hostility as well as flooding of sugar estates by the release of water from the Kainji and Jebba dams were some of the key challenges that should be urgently addressed.

Private investors in the sugar sector also presented papers on the topic "Charting a New Course for BIP Implementationthe Perspective of the Players by: representatives of BUA Sugar Refinery Seedlings Supply- the Role of Bio-Technology.

Goodwill messages were delivered by the Honorable Commissioner, Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Cross Rivers state, represented by Gabirel Ofonu, Director in the Ministry, the Chairman, Oyo State Sugarcane Processors Limited, Iseyin, Oyo State; Chief Olushola Adepoju. Others are the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, Zenith Agro-Ethanol Nigeria Limited, Toyin Bankole, and the Chairman, National Association of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture, Cross River State Chapter.

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Tips to help manage stress

tress occurs when you perceive that demands placed on you — such as work, school or relationships — exceed your ability to cope. Some stress can be beneficial at times, producing a boost that provides the drive and energy to help people get through situations like examinations or work deadlines.

However, an extreme amount of stress can have health consequences, affecting the immune, cardiovascular and neuroendocrine and central nervous systems, and take a severe emotional toll.

Untreated chronic stress can result in serious health conditions including anxiety, insomnia, muscle pain, high blood pressure and a weakened immune system. Research shows that stress can contribute to the development of major illnesses, such as heart disease, depression and obesity.

But by finding positive, healthy ways to manage stress as it occurs, many of these negative health consequences can be reduced. Everyone is different, and so are the ways they choose to manage their stress. Some people prefer pursuing hobbies such as gardening, playing music and creating art, while others find relief in more solitary activities: meditation, yoga and walking.

Take a break from the stressor. St may seem difficult to get away from a big work project, a crying baby or a growing credit card bill. But when you give yourself permission to step away from it, you let yourself have time to do something else, which can help you have a new perspective or practice techniques to feel less overwhelmed. It's important

to not avoid your stress (those bills have to be paid sometime), but even just 20-minutes to take care of yourself is helpful.

Exercise: The research keeps growing — exercise benefits your mind just as well as your body. We keep hearing about the long-term benefits of a regular exercise routine. But even a 20-minute walk, run, swim or dance session in the midst of a stressful time can give an immediate effect that can last for several hours.

Smile and laugh: Our brains are interconnected with our emotions and facial

expressions. When people are stressed, they often hold a lot of the stress in their face. So laughs or smiles can help relieve some of that tension and improve the situation.

Get social support: Call a friend, send an email. When you share your concerns or feelings with another person, it does help relieve stress. But it's important that the person whom you talk to is someone

whom you trust and whom you feel can understand and validate you. If your family is a stressor, for example, it may not alleviate your stress if you share your works woes with one of them.

Meditate: Meditation and mindful prayer help the mind and body to relax and focus. Mindfulness can help people see new perspectives, develop self-compassion and forgiveness. When practicing a form of mindfulness, people can release emotions that may have been causing the body physical stress. Much like exercise, research has shown that even meditating briefly can reap immediate benefits.

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DATA ON SUGAR IMPORTATION IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2017 - JULY - SEPTEMBER

Month	Importer	Qty (MT) (NPA)	Qty (MT) (NCS)	Levy Paid (N)	Country of Origin	Discharging Port	Type of Sugar
July	Dangote Sugar	46,017	45,000	323,967,787	Brazil	Apapa	Bulk (Raw)
	BUA Sugar	7	-		-		
	Golden Sugar		30,240	198,356,641	Brazil	Tin Can	Bulk (Raw)
August	Dangote Sugar	90,650	-			-	-
	BUA Sugar	42,028	45,000	151,296,751	Brazil	Tin Can	Bulk (Raw)
	Golden Sugar	48,011	44,500	274,422,433	Brazil	Apapa	Bulk (Raw)
September	Dangote Sugar		45,650	256,768,730	Brazil	Apapa	Bulk (Raw)
	BUA Sugar		*		*	•	
	Golden Sugar	44,504			55	•	
	Total	277,210	210,390	1,204,812,342			

SUMMARY OF AVERAGE LOCAL & INTERNATIONAL RAW AND REFINED SUGAR PRICE: JULY - SEPTEMBER, 2017

JULY	SOURCE (STATE) Lagos, Kano, Abuja, Adamawa kwana	Refined Dungote/ Bus/ Golden	WHOLESALE N-90KG	WHOLESALE NOT 352,050	RETAIL N/50KG 17,855	357,100	INTERNATIONAL RAW SUGAR AVERAGE PRICE SOMT NOMT		INTERNATIONAL WHITE SUGAR AVERAGE PRICE S/MT -N/MT	
							326.7	99,907.62	400.22	122,405.07
AUGUST	Lagos, Kano, Abuja Adareawa Jewana	Refined Dangote/ Bun/ Golden	17,564.5	351,290	17,822.5	356,450	316.42	97,717.01	379.5	116,000
SEPTEMBER	Lagos, Kano, Abaja Adamawa Jewana	Refined Dangote/ Bua/ Golden	17,242	344,840	17,610	352,200	318.03	97,235.15	372.26	113,814.82
AVERAGE MONTH TOTAL			17,470.5	349,393.3	17,762.5	355,250	320.4	98,286.6	383.1	117,406.3

*NOTE: MT=Metric Tons (50kgx20), kg=kilogram, N=Nigerian currency naira, S=USD, Weight conversion: 1000kg=1 Metric tonne, S/MT=c/lb x 22.04 Country and State are NOT applicable to International raw and white sugar price. Source: International Sugar Organization Market Report & Local Market Survey

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