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MINING AS A CATALYST FOR
BILATERAL INVESTMENT**

Editorial

The September 2025 Breakfast Forum of the Nigeria - South Africa Chamber of Commerce (NSACC) was held on Thursday, 25th September 2025, sponsored by Stanbic IBTC Bank.

Mr. Austin Menegbo, Country Manager, Segilola Resources Operating Limited, was our speaker. The Panellists include Mr. Seriki Abimbola, Head, Conglomerates and Industrials, Stanbic IBTC Bank; Mr. Tim Tokun, CEO of Motimose Metals.. They spoke on "Unlocking Africa's Hidden Wealth: Mining as a Catalyst for Bilateral Investment". Their presentations were well received by participants.

Mr. Menegbo spotlighted Nigeria's mineral wealth as a sleeping giant. He noted that while Nigeria possesses over 40 commercially viable mineral resources, the sector contribute less than 1% to Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

The speaker noted that mining can diversify Nigeria's economy beyond oil. But to attract investors, we must entrench regulatory clarity, build infrastructure, and ensure access to financing. He emphasised that the future lies not in exporting raw materials but in local beneficiation and value addition that drive industrialization across Africa.

Mr. Seriki Abimbola of Stanbic IBTC Bank stressed that his bank is committed to walking side by side with miners, investors, and regulators to ensure Africa's mineral wealth translates into sustainable prosperity.

Mr. Tim Tokun stressed that Nigeria's resource base and South Africa's technical expertise make a

powerful combination. "Africa doesn't need to compete with itself. What Nigeria lacks in expertise, South Africa has. What South Africa lacks in untapped reserves, Nigeria has. The future lies in collaboration, not competition," Tokun said.

The Nigerian News segment highlights key developments within the Nigerian economic landscape that may be of interest to our members.

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Warm regards,



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From October 1-3, 2026, at the Cape Town International Convention Centre, AMW will bring together stakeholders from across Africa and around the world to drive meaningful conversations, forge partnerships and unlock the continent's mining potential. For further information visit: <https://african-miningweek.com>

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UNLOCKING AFRICA'S HIDDEN WEALTH: MINING AS A CATALYST FOR BILATERAL INVESTMENT

The Nigeria–South Africa Chamber of Commerce (NSACC) has declared mining a strategic pillar for unlocking Africa's next phase of economic growth and for deepening bilateral investment between Nigeria and South Africa.

This bold vision was the highlight of the Chamber's September 2025 Breakfast Forum, proudly sponsored by Stanbic IBTC Bank, held on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at the Abora Mazonia Suite, Eko Hotel & Suites, Victoria Island, Lagos. With the theme “Unlocking Africa's Hidden Wealth: Mining as a Catalyst for Bilateral Investment.”

“Africa is blessed with some of the world's most critical minerals

needed for today's energy transition and tomorrow's technology revolution. Nigeria and South Africa must lead the way in harnessing these resources through collaboration, innovation, and policy alignment.”

She reaffirmed the Chamber's commitment to being a platform for dialogue, trade promotion, and partnerships, especially in sectors with transformative potential.

Delivering the keynote, Mr. Austin Menegbo, Country Manager, Segilola Resources Operating Limited, spotlighted Nigeria's mineral wealth as a sleeping giant.

He noted that while Nigeria

possesses over 40 commercially viable mineral resources, the sector contributes less than 1% to GDP.

He pointed to the Segilola Gold Project in Osun State as proof that well-structured mining projects can thrive in Nigeria, creating jobs, boosting exports, and attracting foreign capital.

“Mining can diversify Nigeria's economy beyond oil. But to attract investors, we must entrench regulatory clarity, build infrastructure, and ensure access to financing. These three factors are critical if Africa is to move from potential to prosperity,” Menegbo said.

He emphasized that the future lies



not in exporting raw minerals but in local beneficiation and value addition that can drive industrialization across Africa. Menegbo, who delivered the keynote address and joined a panel discussion, praised the vision and leadership of Segun Lawson, chief executive officer of Thor Explorations Ltd., SROL's parent company. Lawson, he said, has been instrumental in positioning Segilola as a model for responsible gold mining in Nigeria's emerging extractive sector.

“When communities thrive, investors are protected. When investors are protected, capital flows,” Menegbo said during the panel session. “That is the essence of bilateral investment. Without structures, institutions, and partnerships that sustain operations, growth becomes impossible.”

He outlined SROL's four-pillar community agenda — gender inclusion and skills training, infrastructure development, capacity-building for local expertise, and long-term empowerment programs — as evidence of the company's approach to sustainable mining.

The firm's initiatives, he added, are designed to ensure host communities benefit from mining activities beyond resource extraction, creating an environment that supports both social progress and investor confidence.

SROL's model, observers at the forum noted, offers a template for how responsible mining can catalyze broader economic cooperation between Nigeria and South Africa, Africa's two largest economies.

By aligning investment with community wellbeing, SROL aims to demonstrate that mining can be a driver of inclusive growth and a foundation for deeper regional partnerships.

Speaking on behalf of the sponsors, Mr. Seriki Abimbola, Head, Conglomerates and Industrials, Stanbic IBTC Bank, underscored the bank's role as a financial enabler of mining and extractive ventures.

Backed by the Standard Bank Group's century-long mining expertise in South Africa, Stanbic IBTC, he said, is positioned to provide tailored solutions — from project financing and trade facilitation to risk management.

“The world is hungry for critical minerals — lithium, cobalt, rare earths — and Nigeria has them. At Stanbic IBTC, we are committed to walking side by side with miners, investors, and regulators to ensure Africa's mineral wealth translates into sustainable prosperity,” Abimbola affirmed.

The panel discussion featured Mr. Tim Tokun, CEO of Motimose Metals, alongside Stanbic IBTC executives. Tokun stressed that Nigeria's resource base and South Africa's technical expertise make a powerful combination.

He identified opportunities in gold, lithium, and copper, while highlighting the need to: Formalize artisanal and small-scale mining, Invest in technology-driven exploration, and “Africa doesn't need to compete with itself. What Nigeria lacks in expertise, South Africa has. What South Africa lacks in untapped reserves, Nigeria has. The future lies in collaboration, not competition,” Tokun said.

During the Q&A session, stakeholders raised pressing issues such as:

Security risks in mining communities;

Regulatory uncertainty discouraging investors;

Financing gaps for small and medium-scale miners;

The need for cross-border policies to boost mineral trade.

Panelists agreed that public-private collaboration is essential, with governments providing enabling environments while financial institutions and private investors bring capital and innovation.

In her closing remarks, Dr. Jidenma thanked Stanbic IBTC for its support and reiterated that the NSACC Breakfast Forum will continue to provide a neutral platform where business leaders, policymakers, and investors can build practical solutions for shared growth.

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FED GOVT UNVEILS ACTION PLAN TO BOOST CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION

The Federal Government has unveiled an ambitious action plan to boost crude oil production to three million barrels per day and expand gas output to 12 billion cubic feet daily by 2030.

This followed far-reaching resolutions adopted at the NOG Energy Week 2025 in Abuja.

The conference, held at the Bola Ahmed Tinubu International Conference Centre, brought together over 6000 energy professionals, 250 exhibiting companies, and over 125 expert speakers from across the globe. It provided a platform for government officials, industry executives, and investors to forge partnerships aimed at strengthening local capacity and driving the country's energy independence.

Country Director of dmg Nigeria events and Portfolio Director, Energy, Wemimo Oyelana, described this year's edition as a defining moment for the sector, noting that it bridged the long-standing gap between government policies and industry capability.

Oyelana said: "The discussions around the 'Nigeria First' policy, indigenous operator capacity, and technological advancement have birthed actionable strategies that will define our energy sector's trajectory. This platform continues to serve as a roadmap toward measurable progress in achieving energy security and economic prosperity."

Group Chief Executive Officer of NNPC Limited, Engr. Bashir Bayo Ojulari, highlighted the country's significant strides in attracting

investment and improving operational efficiency.

He disclosed that Nigeria secured \$17 billion in new energy investments in 2024, with projections of \$30 billion by 2027 and \$60 billion by 2030. Ojulari also announced that all major crude oil pipelines recorded 100 per cent availability in June 2025, alongside the successful completion of the AKK Gas Pipeline's River Niger crossing, which brings the project closer to commissioning in the last quarter of the year.

Executive Secretary of the Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB), Engr. Felix Omatsola Ogbe, stressed the need to build energy capacity from within, saying that no nation could achieve energy sufficiency without deepening local participation.

He said: "By strengthening local capacity across exploration, production, processing, and delivery, we can retain more value, create jobs, and take meaningful steps toward a self-reliant energy future."

The conference also spotlighted the growing dominance of indigenous operators following the completion of international oil companies' divestments.

Participants observed that local players now possess the technical expertise and regulatory confidence, under the Petroleum Industry Act, to optimise newly acquired assets and sustain production growth.

Nigeria's gas potential was another major focus of the discussions. With over 200 trillion cubic feet of proven natural gas reserves, stakeholders emphasised the importance of gas monetisation, infrastructure

expansion, and domestic utilisation.

Notable projects such as the Nigeria–Equatorial Guinea Gas Pipeline and the activation of the Midstream and Downstream Gas Infrastructure Fund were cited as critical steps toward industrialisation, power generation, and increased LPG adoption.

Technology integration and human capital development also featured prominently. Speakers urged the transition from technology adoption to domestication, stressing the need for innovation-driven partnerships between research institutions and operators. They also called for standardised training programmes and practical exposure for young engineers to build a skilled workforce that can sustain future operations.

Organised by dmg Nigeria events in partnership with NNPC Limited and other strategic industry players, NOG Energy Week 2025 reaffirmed its place as West Africa's leading energy industry platform. The gathering produced strategic directions and measurable commitments expected to accelerate Nigeria's drive toward energy abundance and sustainable economic growth.

GOVT COMMITTED TO INDIGENOUS SHIPPING SUPPORT—OYETOLA

The Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, Dr. Adegboyega Oyetola, has reaffirmed the Federal Government's unwavering commitment to strengthening Nigeria's indigenous shipping industry, declaring that there is no going back on efforts to reposition local operators for global competitiveness.

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Oyetola, in a statement on by his media aide, Dr. Bolaji Akinola, gave the assurance when he received a delegation from the Nigeria Maritime Exhibition and Conference Planning Committee in his office in Abuja.

According to the statement, the delegation, led by its Chairman and President of the Nigerian Shipowners Association, Mr. Sola Adewunmi, also included the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Funmi Folorunso, and Mr. Tokunbo Ogunwale, Director of Government Relations.

The statement explained that the team visited the minister to seek the ministry's support for NIMAREX 2025, scheduled to take place in Lagos from 17th to 19th November 2025.

Speaking during the visit, Oyetola commended the committee for reviving the once-dormant NIMAREX platform, adding that the government views the event as a crucial avenue for collaboration, investment promotion, and knowledge exchange within the maritime sector.

He assured that President Bola Tinubu's administration is taking decisive steps to create a conducive operating environment for indigenous shipowners, address longstanding structural challenges, and unlock the full potential of Nigeria's maritime domain.

"Our commitment to indigenous shipping is total and irreversible. The Federal Government is working around the clock to put in place the right policies, funding mechanisms, and infrastructure that will enable Nigerian shipowners to compete favourably, not just locally but on the international stage. There is no going

back on this commitment; we are determined to see Nigerian-owned vessels flying our national flag and operating sustainably within our coastal waters and beyond. This will create jobs, retain value within our economy, and build a stronger maritime nation anchored on local capacity," he further stated.

Earlier, Mr. Sola Adewunmi said NIMAREX was revived after several years of inactivity to complement the government's renewed push to attract foreign direct investment into the maritime and blue economy sectors.

He explained that the upcoming edition would serve as a unifying platform for public and private stakeholders to discuss strategies for sustainable growth.

"NIMAREX is back, and this time it is bigger, broader, and better aligned with national objectives. We have the full support of key industry associations, including NISA, the Shipowners Association of Nigeria, and the Nigerian Chamber of Shipping. Our goal is to position Nigeria as a leading maritime hub in Africa," Adewunmi said.

He commended Oyetola for his visionary leadership and his inclusive approach to engaging stakeholders in the implementation of the Blue Economy Agenda, noting that the minister's support has rekindled confidence among shipowners and investors alike.

The idea for NIMAREX was conceived with the aim to create a platform in Nigeria that mirrors major global maritime exhibitions. The rationale for launching NIMAREX includes Nigeria's large maritime potential, extensive inland waterways, multiple seaports, significant crude

oil and LNG reserves, and the ambition to become a logistics hub in West & Central Africa. The first edition of NIMAREX took place in 2011.

NIGERIA MUST INVEST IN WORKFORCE TO STAY GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE – KEYAMO

Festus Keyamo, minister of aviation and aerospace development, has emphasised that strategic investment in human capacity is vital for Nigeria to remain competitive in the rapidly evolving global aviation industry.

Keyamo made the remark while declaring open the 54th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Nigeria Air Traffic Controllers' Association (NATCA) held on Tuesday in Abuja.

The event, themed "The Human Edge: Capacity Building in the Next Generation Air Traffic Management," aligns with the Minister's Five-Point Agenda, which underscores the federal government's commitment to strengthening human capacity and fostering innovation in the aviation sector.

In a statement signed by Odutayo Oluseyi, head of Press and Public Affairs at the ministry, Keyamo commended NATCA for its steadfast dedication to safety, professionalism, and operational excellence in air traffic management.

He reiterated that human capacity remains the most critical component of aviation safety and efficiency, pledging the ministry's continued support for training, retraining, and creating an enabling environment for aviation professionals to thrive.

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“As the global aviation industry evolves toward next-generation air traffic management systems, Nigeria must strategically invest in its workforce to remain competitive and compliant with international standards,” the minister said.

Keyamo also highlighted the government's ongoing measures to address workforce shortages in the aviation sector, particularly among air traffic controllers and other technical professionals.

Recall that during the unveiling of the Isaac Balami University of Aeronautics and Management (IBUAM), Africa's first privately owned aeronautics university, he revealed that the ministry has had to retain and recall retired personnel to fill critical gaps.

“I want to say that we are short-staffed in certain areas of aviation, particularly air traffic controllers. They are highly skilled professionals, and it takes time to train them. That's why we've had to recall retired hands to bridge the gap while developing new capacity,” he explained.

According to him, the establishment of IBUAM is a strategic step toward addressing these challenges, as it aligns with the federal government's vision to build local capacity, reduce dependence on expatriate expertise, and prepare the continent's workforce for the future of aviation.

The 54th NATCA AGM provides a platform for air traffic controllers, regulators, and aviation experts to deliberate on issues affecting the profession and to develop strategies for improving operational efficiency, safety, and service delivery across Nigeria's airspace.

FG VALIDATES REVISED GENDER POLICY TO DRIVE INCLUSION, PRODUCTIVITY IN AGRICULTURE

The federal government has validated the Revised National Gender Policy in Agriculture and its Strategic Action Plan (2025–2030), aimed at promoting inclusivity, equity, and productivity across Nigeria's agricultural sector.

The policy, which addresses long-standing gender barriers in access to land, finance, technology, and decision-making, was validated at a workshop organised by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (FMAFS) in Abuja.

Kachalla Damaturu, director, Special Duties, FMAFS, said the validation marked the culmination of a year-long consultative process that began in January 2025, involving over 1,200 stakeholders across Nigeria's six geopolitical zones.

“This policy is our collective response to the gender disparities that have long constrained productivity and inclusivity in the sector,” Damaturu said. “It provides a framework for equitable participation and resource allocation for women, youth, and persons with disabilities.”

Marcus O. Ogunbiyi, permanent secretary, FMAFS, described the policy as a milestone in mainstreaming gender equality in agricultural planning and budgeting.

“The revised framework ensures that the perspectives of women and other vulnerable groups are fully integrated into agricultural programmes and decision-making,” he stated.

He commended President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's administration for prioritising agriculture as a driver of

economic growth and reaffirmed the ministry's commitment to implementing gender-inclusive reforms.

Azubuike Nwokoye, chairperson, National Gender Steering Committee and Food Systems Specialist at ActionAid Nigeria, noted that the updated policy incorporates new measures to address emerging issues, including gender-based violence and the differentiated needs of young men and women in agriculture.

He added that discussions are ongoing with state ministries of agriculture to include dedicated budget lines for implementation in the 2026 fiscal year.

The policy, expected to be submitted to the National Council on Agriculture for endorsement, will guide inclusive agricultural growth and support Nigeria's food and nutrition security agenda.

“This is not just a gender document—it is a roadmap for social justice and national food security,” Nwokoye said.

FG PROMISES QUICK WINS FROM LIVESTOCK INVESTMENTS, PARTNERSHIPS

The Federal Government has said ongoing partnerships and investment commitments in the livestock sector will begin yielding visible results within months, as the maiden National Council on Livestock Development (NCLD) opened on Monday in Yola, Adamawa State.

Idi Mukhtar Maiha, Minister of Livestock Development, told delegates that several bilateral and

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private-sector engagements initiated over the past year have matured into concrete expressions of interest across key value chains such as dairy, beef, fodder, small ruminants, poultry, piggery, animal breeding and traceability.

“We will see the physical manifestation of these engagements in a few months,” the Minister said, noting that development partners are already backing dairy projects, peacebuilding programmes and climate-smart livestock production.

He said the interventions are expected to improve incomes, strengthen animal health systems, and reduce conflict for pastoralists and farmers.

Maiha said the new Council will coordinate national strategies, deepen collaboration and attract investment to reposition livestock as a driver of economic diversification, food security and rural development.

The ministry, created 16 months ago, aims to expand the sector's economic value from \$32 billion to \$74 billion by 2035, guided by the National Livestock Growth Acceleration Strategy and the National Livestock Master Plan.

Ahmadu Umaru Fintiri, Adamawa State Governor, represented by Kaletapwa George Farauta, deputy governor of the state said livestock has long been central to the state's economy, noting that Adamawa created a livestock ministry more than two decades ago.

He called for federal support to scale the state's Pilot Ranch Project under the National Livestock Transformation Plan.

In his keynote address, Attahiru Jega, special adviser to the President on Livestock Reforms, urged the conversion of long-standing conflict corridors into structured fodder production hubs that create economic opportunities for farmers and pastoralists.

Chinyere Ijeoma Akujobi, permanent secretary of the ministry, said the Council's inauguration marks a new phase for the sector anchored on innovation and private-sector-led growth.

Messages of support were delivered by lawmakers, state officials and development partners before dignitaries toured an exhibition showcasing dairy, beef, poultry, fodder, breeding and veterinary innovations.

FG WOOS FUND MANAGERS TO TAP INTO AGRIC VALUE-CHAIN, BRIDGE INVESTMENT GAP

The Federal Government, through the National Agricultural Development Fund (NADF), is wooing players in the financial sector, especially fund managers to unlock the full potentials of Nigeria's agriculture sector.

Mohammed Ibrahim, Executive Secretary/ Chief Executive Officer (CEO), National Agricultural Development Fund, made this known during a breakfast meeting with fund managers in Lagos.

Tagged, 'Unlocking Agribusiness Finance in Nigeria: NADF as Catalytic Partner,' Ibrahim discussed the vision, strategy and opportunities within the Nigerian Agribusiness value-chain with the fund managers.

He stated that the primary aim of the

breakfast meeting with fund managers was to deepen investment opportunities and how private capital can flow better into the Agribusiness value-chain.

“What are the constraints, what are the challenges, what do we need to do as a federal government institution that has been mandated to drive investment into this sector,” Ibrahim stated.

He also disclosed that the agency was established as a dedicated wholesale agricultural finance vehicle to tackle the dearth of funding, and support the growth as well as transformation of the agricultural sector towards food security and sovereignty.

He added that the NADF was not created as a replacement for private capital, but as a partner that can help reduce risk, build structure and prepare pipelines to deepen investment in the agricultural sector of the Country.

“Nigeria's agricultural ecosystem must be approached as an interconnected whole. And that means the financing strategies we deploy must be equally integrated — focused not just on a single link but on strengthening the entire chain, from production to processing to distribution,” Ibrahim stated.

He stated that Agriculture within modern times has always faced the challenge of under-investment which is why the NADF is rallying the private sector to attract the much-needed private capital to the agric sector.

“It has to begin with conversations, it has to begin with understanding perspectives and then products that will test the challenges that we face are then designed,” Ibrahim stated.



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CROSS-BORDER E-COMMERCE: UNLOCKING GLOBAL MARKETS FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES—THE DTIC OFFICIAL

Cross-border e-commerce is not just about selling online, it is about opening doors for South Africa's Small Medial Enterprises (SMEs) to actively participate in the global economy. This was the message from the Director of Export Development and Support at the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (the dtic) Mr Kwanele Mkhwanazi, , as he set the tone for the e-commerce panel discussion at the 7th Annual Entrepreneurship Development in Higher Education (EDHE) Studentpreneurs Indaba, hosted by UNISA in Pretoria. The theme for the event was Entrepreneurship for Sustainability.

“Through platforms like this Indaba, the dtic aims to cultivate an export culture that empowers youth to think global from day one,” added Mkhwanazi.

The session brought together key stakeholders from across the e-commerce value chain, to unpack opportunities and challenges in cross-border e-commerce. The emphasis was placed on compliance requirements, logistics, payment systems, customer trust, and the enabling role of trade agreements such as the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

The session was attended by students, academics, researchers, civil society, public and private organisations. It was aimed at fostering dialogue and showcasing best practices around supporting and advancing entrepreneurship development across the 26 public

universities in South Africa.

The panel discussion, facilitated by the dtic, was part of the ongoing collaboration between the dtic and EDHE to nurture a culture of exporting among student and youth-owned businesses. The collaboration has also resulted in the launch of the Next-Gen Exporter Incubation Programme, focusing on export readiness for youth-owned enterprises.

By creating access to knowledge, networks, and trade opportunities, the partnership seeks to ensure that young entrepreneurs are well-positioned to leverage digital trade to expand into regional and global markets.

According to one of the panellist, the Director of Market and Trend Analysis at the dtic, Mr Likani Lebani, e-commerce is a potential engine of economic growth, particularly in helping small and medium-sized enterprises to internationalise.

“With digital technologies, even the smallest enterprises or individual entrepreneurs can become 'mini-multinationals' by originating, marketing, and selling goods and services across borders. However, this opportunity comes with the responsibility of navigating complex rules and regulations in importing countries, ranging from customs procedures to consumer protection laws,” said Lebani.

Commenting on the importance of cross-border e-commerce, the CEO of the Ecommerce Forum South Africa, Mr Alastair Tempest, who also formed part of the panel, said: “Government support is critical for building a thriving e-commerce ecosystem. By collaborating with the

dtic at Ecommerce Live, we are bridging the gap between industry innovation and policy support. This joint effort will accelerate the development of new online exporters and strengthen South Africa's digital economy.”

Tempest added that the shared vision of EFSA and the dtic was to ensure that local entrepreneurs benefit from every opportunity to compete on the global stage.

The panel discussion demonstrated the dtic's commitment to harnessing the digital economy for trade and investment. Moving forward, the dtic and partners like EFSA will continue to work together on initiatives that unlock export opportunities for South African businesses in the e-commerce sector.

EXPORT-LED ECONOMIC GROWTH REQUIRES PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS AND LABOUR – DEPUTY MINISTER GODLIMPI

The export-led economic growth requires partnership between government, business, and labour. This was said by the Deputy Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition, Mr Zuko Godlimpi who was addressing the Export Symposium and Expo in Midrand, Gauteng today.

According to Godlimpi, in order to achieve export-led growth, government must create the enabling environment, negotiating market access, providing diplomatic support, offering financial support, delivering infrastructure, ensuring facilitative regulation, and providing market intelligence.

Godlimpi added that business must take risks, innovate, invest, and compete in tough international markets. He emphasised that businesses must invest in quality, innovation, skills development, and transformation, and look beyond short-term profits to build sustainable relationships.

“Our recent export performance shows both resilience and vulnerability. In July 2025, South Africa's exports reached R184.3 billion, up from R170.7 billion in June. We recorded a trade surplus in August of nearly R4 billion. Our agricultural exports to Africa account for 40% of our agricultural export value, with maize, apples, pears, and wine leading the charge,” explained Godlimpi.

“However, our export basket remains too concentrated on a handful of markets and dependent on raw materials rather than value-added products. The automotive sector, aerospace and defence, pharmaceuticals, fashion, film, agro-processing, and advanced manufacturing all represent areas where South Africa has world-class capabilities,” noted Godlimpi.

Against this backdrop, Godlimpi said there was a challenge to scale up these successes and ensure that small and medium enterprises, particularly those owned by women, youth, and historically disadvantaged South Africans, participate meaningfully in the economy.

“The future must include thousands of small and medium enterprises, particularly those owned by women, youth, and historically disadvantaged South Africans. The

ambition should be for these SMMEs to actively export within five years, creating tens of thousands of jobs and contributing billions to the economy,” stressed Godlimpi.

He noted that the launch of Proudly South African's new online platform represented an exciting development in democratising market access.

“E-commerce and digital trade have fundamentally transformed how businesses reach consumers, enabling even the smallest producer to access global markets,” added Godlimpi.

He described value addition to raw material as the path to prosperity, adding that transforming raw materials into higher-value products was fundamental to South Africa's industrialisation strategy.

“We need to beneficiate our raw materials into finished products and capture much more value and create high-skilled jobs. As the country applies the butterfly strategy for a comprehensive approach to market diversification, the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), BRICS+ and emerging markets, Association of Southeast Asian Nations, Gulf States and traditional European markets offer pathways to the world's fastest-growing economies. The key is to pursue all these markets simultaneously with intelligence, coordination, and persistence.” added Godlimpi.

Godlimpi pointed out that the United States of America's tariffs threaten jobs, global uncertainty creates volatility, competition is fierce, and climate change creates new barriers. Infrastructure

constraints limit our export capacity.

“South Africa has overcome far greater challenges. We have resources, capabilities, and entrepreneurial energy, a sophisticated financial sector, world-class logistics, talented designers and engineers, productive agricultural land, vast mineral wealth, and sixty million people whose potential has been barely tapped,” he said.

The Export Expo will continue until 16 October 2025 and over 130 South African exporters from various key sectors are showcasing their high-quality proudly South African products and services.

THE DTIC AND BPESA TO HOST GLOBAL BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN DURBAN

The Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (the dtic), in partnership with Business Process Enabling South Africa (BPESA), was hosted at the Global Business Services (GBS) Annual Conference at the Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre in Durban

The conference will bring together investors, international brands, policymakers, and industry leaders from key markets such as Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States to explore new investment and job creation opportunities in South Africa's rapidly expanding GBS sector.

According to the BPESA/EVEREST Value Proposition Report 2025,

South Africa's GBS sector continues to show strong growth and resilience, with an increase in headcount from 60 000 in 2019 to approximately 150 000 in 2024. With a 22% annual growth rate in new jobs over the past four years, the sector is helping position South Africa as a leading destination for digital and Information and Communication Technology-enabled services, advancing President Cyril Ramaphosa's job creation and export goals under the Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan (ERRP).

Speaking ahead of the event, the Deputy Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition, Mr Zuko Godlimpi, says the conference reaffirms the dtic's strategic focus on industrialisation, investment promotion, and inclusive growth.

"The GBS sector is one of the fastest-growing contributors to youth employment and export-led growth in South Africa. Through our collaboration with BPESA and other partners, we are ensuring that South Africa continues to attract high-value, sustainable investment that not only creates jobs but builds long-term economic competitiveness," says Godlimpi.

He further highlights that the dtic continues to support the sector through strategic partnerships with BPESA and the Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator, which serves as an ecosystem facilitator for linking youth talent to global opportunities. These partnerships have successfully attracted foreign direct investment and established new employment pathways for thousands of young South Africans.

"The growth of the GBS sector is a direct outcome of our collaborative industrial policy, one that prioritises job creation, transformation, and export diversification. Through this conference, we aim to deepen investor confidence and showcase South Africa's capacity to deliver world-class business services to international markets," concludes Godlimpi.

The sector aims to create an additional 50 000 jobs over the next few years, targeting a total of 500 000 by 2030, a milestone that reflects the dtic's ongoing commitment to inclusive growth and industrial expansion.

SOUTH AFRICA'S ENGINEERING CAPABILITY EARNS GLOBAL RESPECT AT RAIL LIVE 2025 – AFRICAN RAIL INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

South Africa's longstanding engineering capability and growing localisation drive took centre stage at the Rail Live 2025 Expo this week, where the African Rail Industry Association (ARIA) formed part of a delegation of nine companies participating in the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition's (the dtic) Outward Selling Mission.

Reflecting on the week-long programme, The Chief Executive Officer of the African Rail Industry Association (ARIA), Ms Mesela Nhlapo, said the mission reaffirmed South Africa's strong reputation among global rail players and underscored the importance of localisation as an anchor of national competitiveness.

"Localisation is not just about

employment, it is a matter of national pride. Across the exhibition, countries boldly declare 'made in' on their products. South Africa must rally behind a single identity that recognises our century-long engineering history, our innovation, and our ability to manufacture world-class solutions," she said.

Nhlapo highlighted the deep respect international firms continue to show for South African technical expertise, noting that engagements with German companies were among the strongest indicators of the country's global standing.

"German companies were actively looking for Transnet at Rail Live. The level of technical engagement, and the respect they showed to our engineers was mind-blowing. We often underestimate ourselves, but the world continues to value South Africa's capability," she said

She emphasised that the country's engineering heritage, skills development institutions and innovation culture position South Africa as a competitive supplier to the global rail market.

Nhlapo expressed her appreciation for the dtic's role in enabling the mission, noting that the department's planning, coordination and market-access facilitation directly contributed to the strong performance of the South African delegation.

"This mission is funded and curated by the dtic, but more than that, the dedication of the officials who planned the programme is what made it successful. Our political principals, President Ramaphosa, Minister Parks Tau and his colleagues

continue to open doors for South African industry across the world. Government creates the space, business must step in to secure opportunities.” she said.

She noted that companies on the mission held back-to-back meetings, including one Cape Town-based firm whose stand continuously drew interest due to a high-impact innovation displayed at the expo.

“Business is open in the international space. Companies are asking about South African capability, and the world is ready for our innovative solutions,” Nhlapo added.

Reflecting on the outcomes of the mission, Nhlapo said she is hopeful that the engagements held in Madrid will translate into tangible export deals in the coming months.

“I am confident that in six months we will be able to report to the dtic that the return on investment from this mission is significant. Let us grow exports, showcase our engineering strength, and continue positioning South Africa as an export-led economy,” she said.

ARIA and the participating South African companies will continue nurturing the leads generated at Rail Live 2025, while preparing for upcoming global platforms such as InnoTrans 2026.

SA REMAINS RESILIENT AMID SEISMIC GLOBAL TRADE SHIFTS – MINISTER TAU

The Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition, Mr Parks Tau, says South Africa continues to benefit from a wide network of preferential and non-preferential trade agreements covering 90 countries, representing 28% of global GDP.

He was addressing the Portfolio Committee on Trade, Industry and Competition supported by Deputy Minister Alexandra Abrahams on the state of South Africa's trade relations, progress in ongoing negotiations, and the country's strategy to navigate an increasingly volatile global trading environment.

Tau told Parliament that global trade is undergoing seismic shifts, with rising unilateral measures, retaliatory tariffs, and disruptions in the multilateral trading system.

“The share of world trade governed by WTO rules has already dropped from 80% to 72% in 2025. These shifts, driven by growing geopolitical tensions and great-power competition, are creating uncertainty and weakening predictable rules-based trade. Therefore, there is a need for South Africa to strengthen its industrial base, diversify trade partners, and build greater economic resilience,” he said.

He emphasised the importance of the African economic integration, revealing that significant momentum has already been recorded under the African Continental Free Trade Area

(AfCFTA).

“SA exports under the AfCFTA have increased from R485 million in 2024 to R1.386 billion in the first seven months of 2025. Imports under AfCFTA also rose substantially. South Africa implemented the agreement in January 2024, and by 2025, 24 African countries had begun trading preferentially. New market access is now unlocked in 13 non-SADC countries. Recent breakthroughs include agreement on critical rules of origin for autos and textiles, opening new opportunities for South African industry,” he added.

He said South Africa continues to engage the United States on a reciprocal trade deal that will lower the current tariff imposed that will make South African exports more competitive.

“While South Africa's access to the African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA) expired at the end of September, there is strong bipartisan support in Washington for renewal. And current proposals include a one-year and a two-year extension, though no bill has yet been tabled.”

He highlighted the Butterfly Strategy adopted by the department to mitigate global risk and expand export growth, and said it will assist with objectives to grow South Africa exports from R2 trillion to R3 trillion by 2030.

“We will focus our efforts on implementation and adopt a coherent approach to our trade agenda,” Minister Tau concluded.

700 YOUTHS GRADUATE FROM UBA'S GMAP INITIATIVE

Seven hundred young people have graduated from the Graduate Management Accelerated Programme of the United Bank for Africa Plc, reflecting the bank's commitment to youth empowerment and leadership development across the African continent.

According to a statement from the lender, at the graduation ceremony, which was held at Landmark Events Centre in Lagos on Sunday, the bank celebrated graduates from Nigeria and across African countries where the bank operates.

UBA's Group Chairman, Tony Elumelu; Deputy Group Managing Director, Chukwuma Nweke; and other board members, executive management, and faculty members were on the ground to receive the newly graduated professionals into the UBA Tribe.

Since the programme's inception over three years ago, the GMAP has graduated well over 4,000 banking and finance professionals, equipping them with the necessary skills and knowledge. It has provided them with mentorship, training, and hands-on experience needed to boost their careers.

In his speech, Elumelu, who referred to the graduands as "lions and lionesses", reiterated the bank's commitment towards raising the next generation of passionate and competent leaders on the continent.

"We are happy to have you as part

of this tribe. At UBA, we strongly believe in the transformative power of young people, and that is why we designed this programme that allows us to transfer the baton of knowledge and experience onto others. A few decades ago, I started out just like you, fresh out of the university, and I am glad that this organisation is providing for you that same opportunity that I got, and I look forward to seeing you guys prove your worth," he said.

He connected the graduates' journey to the bank's larger mission, emphasising that UBA's role extends beyond profit, as it is also about being relevant to situations in the environment as well as helping to catalyse economic prosperity for Africa.

Also speaking at the event, Nweke, who represented the Group Managing Director, Oliver Alawuba, celebrated the graduates' perseverance and reaffirmed the bank's belief in human capital development.

"This ceremony is a celebration of potential, perseverance and purpose. You all are not just graduates; you are our next generation of innovators, leaders, and ambassadors of an enduring legacy. This program reflects our belief that Africa's future will be shaped not by chance, but by capable and courageous leaders like you," he said.

Nweke elaborated on the rigorous, six-month GMAP, which, according to him, blended classroom learning, digital simulations, field assignments, and mentorship from

senior executives.

The new cohorts, who now join UBA's family of over 25,000 employees, were charged to take ownership of their careers, show initiative, and be at the forefront of transformation in technology, customer experience, and sustainability.

United Bank for Africa is one of the largest employers in the financial sector on the African continent, with 25,000 employees group-wide and serving over 45 million customers globally. It operates in 20 African countries and the United Kingdom, the United States of America, France and the United Arab Emirates.

FIRSTBANK PLANTS TREES IN FINAL PUSH FOR 50,000-TREE GOAL BY 2025

The FirstBank Group has planted more trees at the Lekki Conservation Centre in Lagos in a final push to meet its goal of planting 50,000 trees by 2025.

The tree-planting ceremony was held during the bank's 2025 Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability Week.

The bank is planting the remaining 20,000 trees in partnership with the Nigerian Conservation Foundation in the final phase of its support for Nigeria's 2060 decarbonisation agenda.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Chief Executive Officer of FirstBank, Olusegun Alebiosu, said during the

Tree Planting Ceremony at the Lekki Conservation Centre in Lagos State.

He said, “Tree planting, though seemingly simple, has profound significance, as it is an investment in cleaner air, stronger ecosystems, and human sustainability. This campaign, which was formally launched in 2023 with the vision of planting 50,000 trees by 2025, saw us planting 1,000 trees at the Lekki Conservation Centre in Lagos in 2023, and an additional 30,000 trees in 2024, during the CR&S Week. This year, it is my pleasure to inform you that we will be planting the remaining 20,000 trees in line with our earlier promise of 50,000 trees by 2025.

“These efforts align with the objectives of the Paris Agreement and Nigeria's Green Recovery Plan, reinforcing our resolve to contribute meaningfully to global and national efforts in combating climate change and promoting ecological restoration. At FirstBank, our commitment to environmental stewardship is deeply rooted in our legacy of over 130 years of nation-building. We recognise that a thriving economy depends on a thriving planet. Therefore, we must all come together and make deliberate efforts to preserve the ecosystems that sustain life and livelihood.”

He also commended the partnership with the Nigerian Conservation Foundation, stating, “It is a pleasure to partner once again with the Nigerian Conservation Foundation on this initiative, demonstrating our

shared commitment to promoting biodiversity, conservation, and climate awareness, key pillars of our Environmental, Social, and Governance values.”

Highlighting the importance of tree planting, Alebiosu said, “Today, as we gather to plant trees, let us remember: we are not just placing seedlings into the ground; we are sowing seeds of hope, renewal, and sustainability. We are reaffirming our belief that sustainability is not merely a corporate obligation but a shared responsibility that binds us all, as individuals, as organisations, and as a nation.”

Some of the trees planted in a grassland portion of the Lekki Conservation Centre included cashew, *Alstonia boonei*, a herbal medicinal plant of West African origin, among others.

LEADWAY, AGRA, NADF HOLD DIALOGUE ON AGRIC, CLIMATE RISK

Leadway Assurance is partnering with Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), the National Agricultural Development Fund (NADF), and Verdure Climate, to lead a national dialogue on identifying challenges and proffering actionable solutions on agricultural and climate risks in Nigeria.

The dialogue held in Abuja has the theme, “Accelerating Agricultural Lending to Market Actors and Smallholder Farmers Using Index-Based Agric Insurance & Blended Finance Solutions.”

Speaking at the event, Global Head, Agriculture Risk Solutions, Leadway Assurance, Ayoola Fatona, reaffirmed the organisation's long-term commitment to financial inclusion and agricultural transformation.

“We are in a mission to make insurance a catalyst for productivity by ensuring farmers can access credit, adopt climate-keen practices, and recover quickly from weather-related shocks. Collaborating with AGRA, NADF, and Verdure Climate allows us to co-create solutions that strengthen the entire value chain and secure the future of our food systems”.

He underscored the urgency of building systems that empowered farmers and de-risk financiers..

“As climate risks intensify, our responsibility extends beyond underwriting; we must become enablers of productivity, inclusion, and long-term stability. Index-based insurance, when integrated with blended finance structures, creates the transparency, speed, and scalability needed to unlock credit for market actors and smallholder farmers alike.”

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Iyke Ejimofor, Executive Secretary, Nigeria South Africa Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Ije jidenma, Chairman, Nigeria South Africa Chamber of Commerce and a guest.



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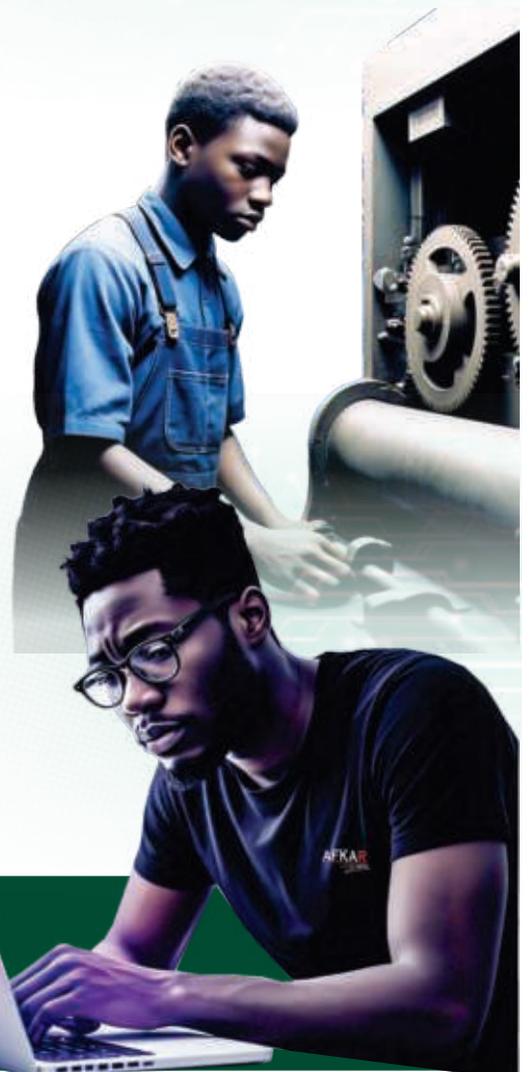
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