



COMMUNIQUE OF THE MAIDEN CONFERENCE ON LOGISTICS OF NATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS HOLDING AT THE SHERATON HOTELS AND TOWERS, ABUJA FROM THE 8TH – 9TH, 2021.

THEME: LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY CHAIN ADAPTABILITY IN NIGERIA

PREAMBLE:

Many years of working with organizations providing logistics for offshore oil and gas exploration and production industry in the Gulf of Guinea (GOG), the Niger Delta region as well as the Port & Maritime Industry have installed in me some degree of sympathy with the present and future of the professionals and academia in logistics and supply chain discipline about the lack of reference material which should have been available and needed to provide the fundamentals of the subject in a logical and practical manner especially in Nigeria and that is presented

using a Nigerian case study, considering the country's landscape. This book, *Logistics of Explorations and Industrial Productions: a process-based approach using a system thinking model of a universal understanding*, is intended to pioneer a sincere effort towards harmonizing all the skill sets required to awaken intellectual consciousness and induce the ideological principles required to initiate the learning of logistics, while serving as a textbook and reference material that introduce a consolidated logistics knowledge and skills to users in the academic and professional discipline related to every strata of the Nigerian economy, including the oil and gas exploration and production industry at onshore and in the Gulf of Guinea.

This book details the result of an evaluation of a wide range of needs required to address all forms of intellectual deficiencies and has come up with levels of options for the further Implementation of industry development mandate.

The need to write a book on logistics of explorations and industrial productions became necessary thirteen years ago (13) during my participation in some major E & P projects offshore Nigeria. During this period, I noticed the

volume of logistics activities happening in the Nigerian offshore with a limited local participation, where most of the labour are outsourced to foreign expatriates and for the few locals they mostly lack logistics background, while most employees obtains their logistics qualifications abroad. This phenomenon led me to berth the decision to develop an academic master piece that deals with logistics on a large scale enough to showcase Nigeria's experience in a multi-objective manner.

A major offering in this book is to present and deliver a well-articulated, comprehensive and affordable learning tool.

The outcome of the book and the gap its seek's fill in our economy has created the need to host this Maiden Conference on Logistics of National Competitiveness.

LIST OF PAPERS PRESENTED

1. The Role of Logistics in National Growth and Competitiveness.
2. The Growth in Evolution of Logistics and Supply chain practices in Nigeria
3. The Game and Player of the oil and gas industry in Nigeria.
4. Logistics outlook of future cities.

FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES THAT AROSE FROM THE CONFERENCE WITH RESOLUTIONS ARE:

1. Logistics and supply chain capabilities are strategic tools for competitiveness of national economies;
2. Local capacity for Logistics is pre-requisite for economic performance.
3. For economies to grow in the right direction, there is need for investments in port and other supply chain infrastructure in Nigeria;
4. Connectivity for economic growth, population expansion, seamless mobility and integration should be viewed from the perspective of domestic (Future cities planning), sub-regional, continental and international trade domain;
5. There is need to develop sustainable multi-objective logistics strategies in order to connect the linkages of advantages with emphasis on human capital development in logistics and supply capacity development across our entire universities in Nigeria;
6. To capitalize on the opportunities presented by African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement (AfCFTA) domestication of logistics and supply chain skill sets and knowledge across all Universities, Polytechnics, Monotechnics, colleges and institutes should be

promoted at various level through government interventions.

7. Distribution of the Book: Logistics of Explorations and Industrial Production will facilitate the tutelage and training of logistics and supply chain professionals and experts in Nigeria;
8. The Book if distributed can introduce the doctrine required to mature Nigeria's capacity in Oil and Gas local content participation;
9. Building a service Based Economy along the gateways of the Nigerian economy is dependent on upgrading of the capacities of local institutions through the application of strategies proposed in the book for users.
10. To overcome the cumbersome and difficult experiences in coastal and commercial cities in Nigeria the logistics of Nigeria's Future Cities planning must be based on a fit-for-future strategies and design;
11. Advantages presented by oil industry local content drive and control which is a major goal of the Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB) will be consolidated only if logistics and supply chain capabilities and competence is attained in Nigeria;
12. The Deep Blue Economy and the Potentials for Averting economic and security treats in the Gulf of

Guinea (GOG) should be further beyond oil and gas exploration and production;

13. A Domestic Agenda to Improve National Supply Chain Performance requires the need for a holistic approach focusing on all major aspects of the supply chain.
14. Reform efforts should target factors with the greatest impact on operational efficiency and should prioritize those that are relatively easy to implement – the “low-hanging fruit”;
15. Governments need to work with businesses and analysts to identify the binding constraints – policies and procedures where a concerted effort moves companies past the tipping point to enable successful transactions;
16. Since Urbanization is an inevitable process that leads to a continuous increase in population, hence Logistics and supply chain infrastructure should be embedded in anticipation for Urban expansion and megacity development in Nigeria.
17. Nigeria need to leverage on the support platforms provided by international bodies such as the IMO, WTO, PIB, UNCTAD, ACMA and others to build technical, financial and operational competence and capacity to raise standards and efficiency levels through building internal capacity from within;

18. Development of capacity building in innovative supply chain transformation and logistics systems to improve efficiency and reduce corruption;
19. Need to build models that will domesticate supply chain adaptability and sustainability compliance processes with regard to the peculiarity of the Nigerian situation;
20. Introduction and strengthening of public private sector participation (PPP) to improve dilapidated port infrastructure and efficiency in port operations;
21. Creating awareness and taking measures to mitigate the negative effects of marine pollution and environmental degradation that could harm the population;
22. Motivating the ports to pursue agenda that will facilitate ISO compliance in line with current trend on standardization and best practices;
23. Nigeria need to look into the possibilities of partnering to develop regional deep-sea ports;
24. The need for cooperation and synergy between littoral ports and dry ports in the African region to improve hinterland connectivity;

25. Giving incentives and prioritizing services rendered to dry ports to create volume traffic as seen in the case between Dakar Port Authority and Bamako Port in Mali;
26. Strengthening corporate social responsibilities between the host community of ports and oil producing communities through education incentive packages that will make the communities ambassadors of ports
27. The President of Nigeria encouraged participants to see their participation as privileged and the need to serve Nigeria with optimum loyalty in ensuring they contribute their quota to trade facilitation and total integration of Nigeria's economies;
28. The Honorable Minister of Transport appreciated the collaborative effort of the two government agencies (NPA and NNPC) in collaboration with the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT).

RESOLUTION OF THE CONFERENCE

1. The conference resolves that a second edition of the conference should be encouraged through the unveiling of further R & D development in unexplored areas.

PRAYERS

1. There is need for further collaboration among Ministerial/ inter-Government collaborations across sub and government levels to encourage noble efforts that seeks to presents credible insight into uncharted area of Logistics and Supply chain as demonstrated by the Book: LOGISTICS OF EXPLORATIONS AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTIONS Volume I & II;
2. The government may wish to further encourage the unveiling of more Volumes in Logistics and other field of specialties through funding for distribution across institution.