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# WORLD MARITIME DAY 2024

*Theme:*

## Navigating the Future: Safety First!

**DATE** 26th September, 2024

**TIME** 9am

**VENUE** Eko Hotels & Suites, Victoria Island, Lagos.





## NATIONAL ANTHEM

Nigeria we hail thee,  
Our own dear native land,  
Though tribe and tongue may differ,  
In brotherhood we stand,  
Nigerians all, and proud to serve  
Our sovereign Motherland.

Our flag shall be a symbol  
That truth and justice reign,  
In peace or battle honour'd,  
And this we count as gain,  
To hand on to our children  
A banner without stain.

## PRAYER

O God of all creation,  
Grant this our one request,  
Help us to build a nation  
Where no man is oppressed,  
And so with peace and plenty  
Nigeria may be blessed.



HIS EXCELLENCY,  
**PRESIDENT BOLA AHMED TINUBU**, GCFR  
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES  
OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA



**SENATOR WASIU ESHINLOKUN SANNI**  
CHAIRMAN,  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON MARINE TRANSPORT





**KHADIJA BUKAR ABBA IBRAHIM**  
CHAIRPERSON,  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MARITIME, SAFETY AND EDUCATION



HIS EXCELLENCY,  
**ADEGBOYEGA OYETOLA, CON**  
HONOURABLE MINISTER OF MARINE AND BLUE ECONOMY  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA



**OLORUNTOLA OLUFEMI**  
PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF MARINE AND BLUE  
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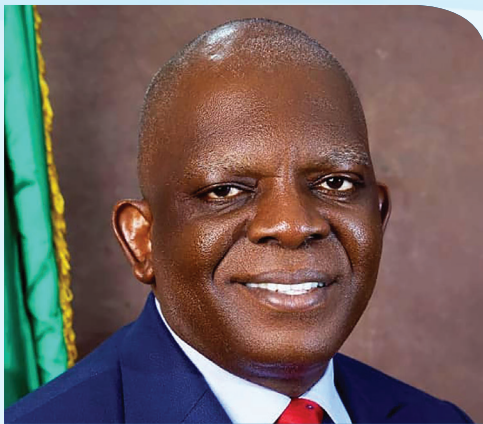




**DR. ABUBAKAR DANTSOHO**  
Managing Director / CEO,  
Nigerian Ports Authority, NPA



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Director General / CEO,  
Nigerian Maritime Administration  
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**PIUS UKEYIMA AKUTAH MON**  
Executive Secretary / CEO,  
Nigerian Shippers' Council



**COMMODORE DUJA EMMANUEL  
EFFEDUA (Rtd)**  
Rector, Maritime Academy of  
Nigeria, Oron



**BOLA OYEBAMIJI FCIB**  
Managing Director / CEO,  
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## PROGRAMME OF EVENT – 26TH SEPTEMBER, 2024

TIME	ACTIVITY
09:00	<b>ARRIVAL OF GUESTS/REGISTRATION</b>
09:30	<b>ARRIVAL</b> of Mr. Michael Olufemi Oloruntola, Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Marine & Blue Economy
09:35	<b>ARRIVAL</b> of Alhaji Sa'idu Ahmed Aikali, Honourable Minister of Transportation
09:40	<b>ARRIVAL</b> of HE Adegbyega Oyetola, CON, Honourable Minister of Marine & Blue Economy
09:45	<b>ARRIVAL</b> of Prof. Lawrence Awosika, Special Guest of Honour
09:55 – 10:00	<b>NATIONAL ANTHEM</b>
10:00 – 10:05	<b>OPENING PRAYER</b> (National Prayer)
10:05 – 10:10	<b>INTRODUCTION</b> of Special Guest and Dignitaries
10:10 – 10:15	<b>WELCOME ADDRESS</b> by Mr. Michael Olufemi Oloruntola, Permanent, Secretary Federal Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy
10:15 – 10:20	<b>SPECIAL REMARKS</b> by Alhaji Sa'idu Ahmed Alkali, Honourable Minister of Transportation
10:20 – 11:00	<b>GOODWILL MESSAGES</b>
11:00 – 11:05	<b>REMARKS</b> by Prof. Lawrence Awosika, Special Guest of Honour
11:05 – 11:15	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b> by HE Adegboyega Oyetola, CON, Honourable Minister of Marine and Blue Economy
11:15 – 11:45	<b>PRESENTATION OF AWARDS</b>
11:45 – 12:15	<b>TEA BREAK</b>
12:15 – 12:20	<b>TECHNICAL SESSION</b> Theme and Outline of the 2024 World Maritime Day by Engr. E. Ilori
12:20 – 12:50	<b>PAPER PRESENTATIONS:</b> <b>Paper 1</b> – Seafarers Safety by Engr. Patrick Eigbe <b>Paper 2</b> – Mitigating Greenhouse Gas Emission (GHG) in Shipping by Mr. Abdulkadir K. Ahmed, MD NLNG Shipping and Marine Services Limited (NSML). <b>Paper 3</b> – Emerging Regulations for Fishing Activities by Bola Aduke <b>Paper 4</b> – Marine Autonomous Vessels – Class Society
12:50 – 13:00	<b>RECAP OF TECHNICAL SESSION</b> by Alhaji Aminu Umar, President Nigerian Chamber of Shipping/MD/CEO Sea Transport Services Nigeria Limited (Moderator)
13:00 – 13:30	<b>QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION</b>
13:30 – 13:40	<b>PRESENTATION OF COMMUNIQUE</b> by Engr. E. Ilori, Chairman Technical Sub Committee
13:40 – 13:50	<b>VOTE OF THANKS</b> by Mr Babatunde H. Bombata, Director Maritime Safety & Security / Chairman LOC 2024 WMD
13:50 – 13:55	<b>CLOSING PRAYER NATIONAL ANTHEM</b>
13:55 – 14:00	<b>LUNCH/DEPARTURE</b>

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**NAVIGATING  
THE FUTURE:  
SAFETY FIRST!**

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he 2024 World Maritime Day has the theme, "Navigating the future: safety first!". This reflects efforts to enhance maritime safety and security, in tandem with the protection of the marine environment, whilst ensuring that regulatory bodies such as NIMASA, develop policies that anticipate the fast pace of technological change and innovation.

This theme allowed maritime administrations to focus on the full range of safety regulatory implications arising from new and adapted technologies and the introduction of alternative fuels including measures to reduce GHG emissions from ships as IMO strives to ensure the safety and efficiency of shipping are maintained. In Nigeria, the federal government via the Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy says Nigeria will keep up to date with globally acceptable standards in terms of safety in the maritime industry..

World Maritime Day was first held in 1978 to mark the 20th anniversary of the IMO Convention's entry into force. Celebrations are held throughout the world to focus attention

on the importance of shipping safety, maritime security and the marine environment, and to emphasize a particular aspect of IMO's work. In Nigeria, the Federal Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy and all parastatals under the Ministry are on the same page with the IMO

Safety has been at the heart of all of IMO's activities since the Organization was established in 1948. In Nigeria, the focal Agency relating with the IMO is NIMASA. The Agency's regulatory framework is continuously evolving as gaps become apparent. The need to accommodate emerging technologies and innovation is now considered priority. The Federal Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy providing leadership for all the Agencies under her is working at ensuring that Nigeria maritime sector operates in line with globally acceptable standards.

2024 marks 50 years since the adoption of the 1974 SOLAS Convention, the key IMO treaty regulating maritime safety. This perhaps informed the decision of the IMO Secretary General, Arsenio Domingues to focus on SOLAS in his world maritime day message.





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