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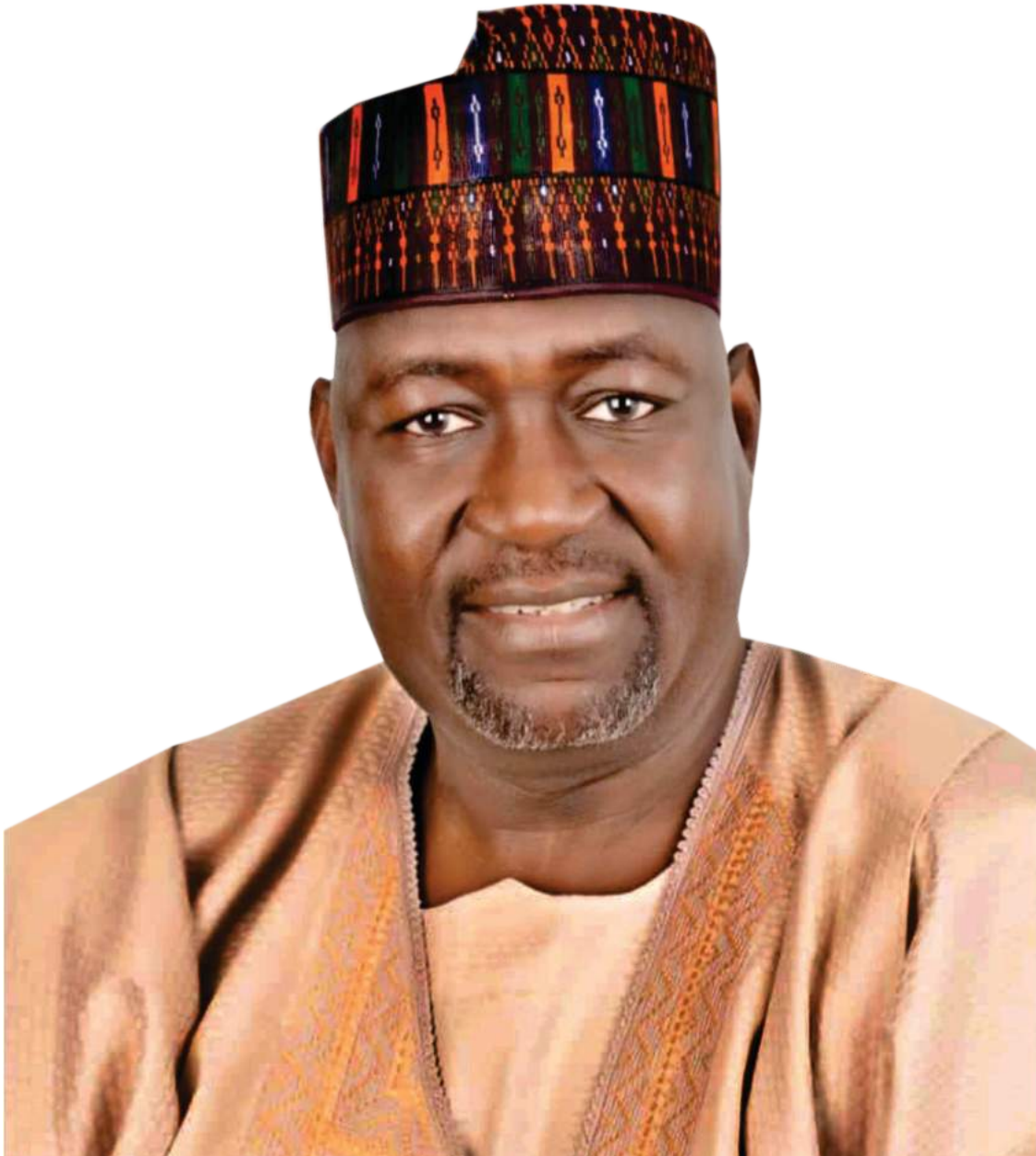
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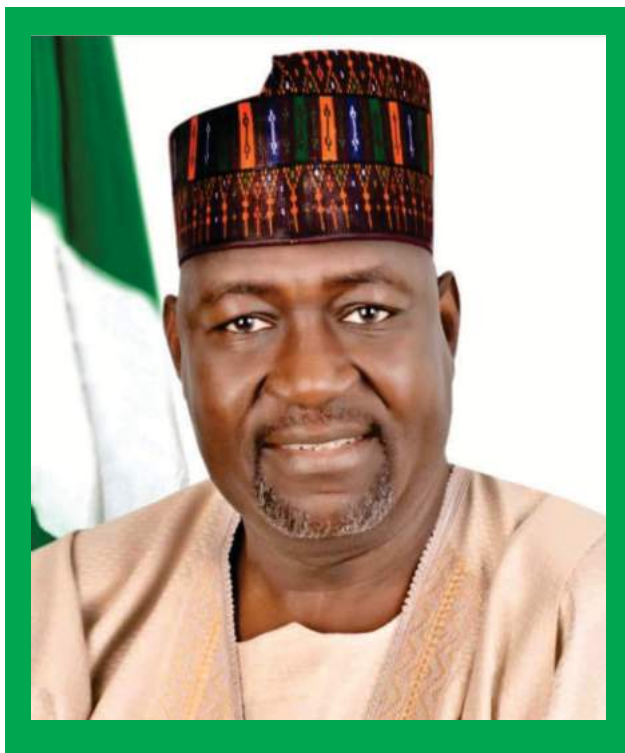
## TRANSMISSION COMPANY OF NIGERIA (TCN)

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# HONOURABLE MINISTER OF POWER



ENGR. ABUBAKAR D. ALIYU (FNSE)  
HONOURABLE MINISTER OF POWER  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

The Honourable Minister of Power, Engr Abubakar D. Aliyu FNSE, hails from, Potiskum Local Government Area of Yobe State. An engineer by profession, Engr Abubakar Aliyu had worked as a Technical Officer in Borno State Ministry of Works from 1988 to 1991, where he grew in the ranks to the position of the Principal Engineer and then Head of Engineering Department in 2004. In 2007, Engr. Aliyu became the Supervising Project Engineer, Yobe State Ministry of Housing, and in 2009, the Managing Director, Yobe State Housing and Property Development Corporation. He had also occupied the positions of the Overseer, State Ministry of Health, State Ministry of Commerce, State Ministry of Integrated Rural Development, Yobe State and Deputy Governor Yobe State from 2009 to 2019.

He attended Central Primary School, Jimeta, where he had his First School Leaving Certificate in 1979, and proceeded to GSS Monguno in Borno State where he obtained his West African School Certificate in 1984. In 1988, he obtained a National Diploma (ND) in Civil Engineering and 1993 a Higher National Diploma in High Ways and Transportation Engineering both from the Kaduna State Polytechnic. In 1999, he obtained a Bachelor of Engineering in Civil and Water Resources Engineering from the University of Maiduguri.

Engr. Aliyu's obvious interest and service to his people led to his appointment as the Deputy Governor of Yobe State for an unblemished period of ten and half years. He also served in various capacities as the overseeing Commissioner of Health, Commerce, Integrated Rural Development as well as Chairman of several high-level priority task forces and committees in Yobe State.

## CHAIRMANSHIP OF STATE TASK FORCES AND COMMITTEES

- State Task Force on Immunization and Primary Healthcare
- State Committee on Resettlement and Rehabilitation of Internally Displaced Persons
- State Boundary Committee
- State Environmental Committee
- State Sanitation Committee

## AWARDS

- Distinguished Service Award by Thinkers Magazine
- Meritorious Service Award by the Task Force on Immunization and PHC
- Best Deputy Governor of the Decade Award by North East Star Magazine

The Honourable Minister is an accomplished Engineer, a Fellow of the Nigerian Society of Engineers and a member of the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN).

# NEW POWER MINISTER URGES STAKEHOLDER COOPERATION,

## HARPS ON HONESTY AND DEDICATION

By Grace Sambe-Jauro

The Honorable Minister of Power, Engr. Abubakar D. Aliyu, (FNSE) has urged staff of the Ministry and Power sector stakeholders to cooperate and work together as a team to ensure that steady electricity supply is delivered to Nigerians. He also declared his commitment to adding value to efforts made towards boosting electricity supply across the country.

Engr. Aliyu gave this charge during his first meeting with the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Power, Directors of the Ministry, and Heads of Agencies of the Federal Ministry of Power on assumption of office, on Monday, 6th September 2021, at the Power House in Abuja.

He enjoined employees of the Ministry to display high level of honesty and dedication to duty, given the critical nature of the sector to the nation's

development. According to him, "I want to urge everyone from the Permanent Secretary down the ladder to the cleaners to be dedicated and committed to duty. I know you have all done a lot, I am here to assist you".

The Minister further said that the power sector is very key and touches the lives of about 200 million Nigerians, therefore it was an enormous responsibility on all power sector workers and stakeholders to ensure a steady supply of power to the populace.

According to the Honorable Minister, he was deployed to the Ministry of Power to add value to the system and is determined to ensure that the sector moves forward. He charged all stakeholders to work together in honesty and commitment and warned against acts capable of causing loss of trust and confidence.

In his goodwill message, the Honorable Minister of Water Resources Engr. Suleiman Adamu who accompanied the new Minister of Power, said that the Ministry of Water Resources would partner with the Ministry of Power to deliver electricity to Nigerians, adding that the Minister of Power is a professional and thus equal to the task and mandate that has been given to him by the President. He called on all the staff of the Ministry and agencies under the Ministry of Power to join hands with the new Minister to deliver quality electricity to Nigerians.

Speaking earlier, the former Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Power, Mr. William Alo who received the new Minister expressed delight at his appointment and assured him of the cooperation of all staff of the Ministry and its agencies to make his tenure worthwhile and successful.

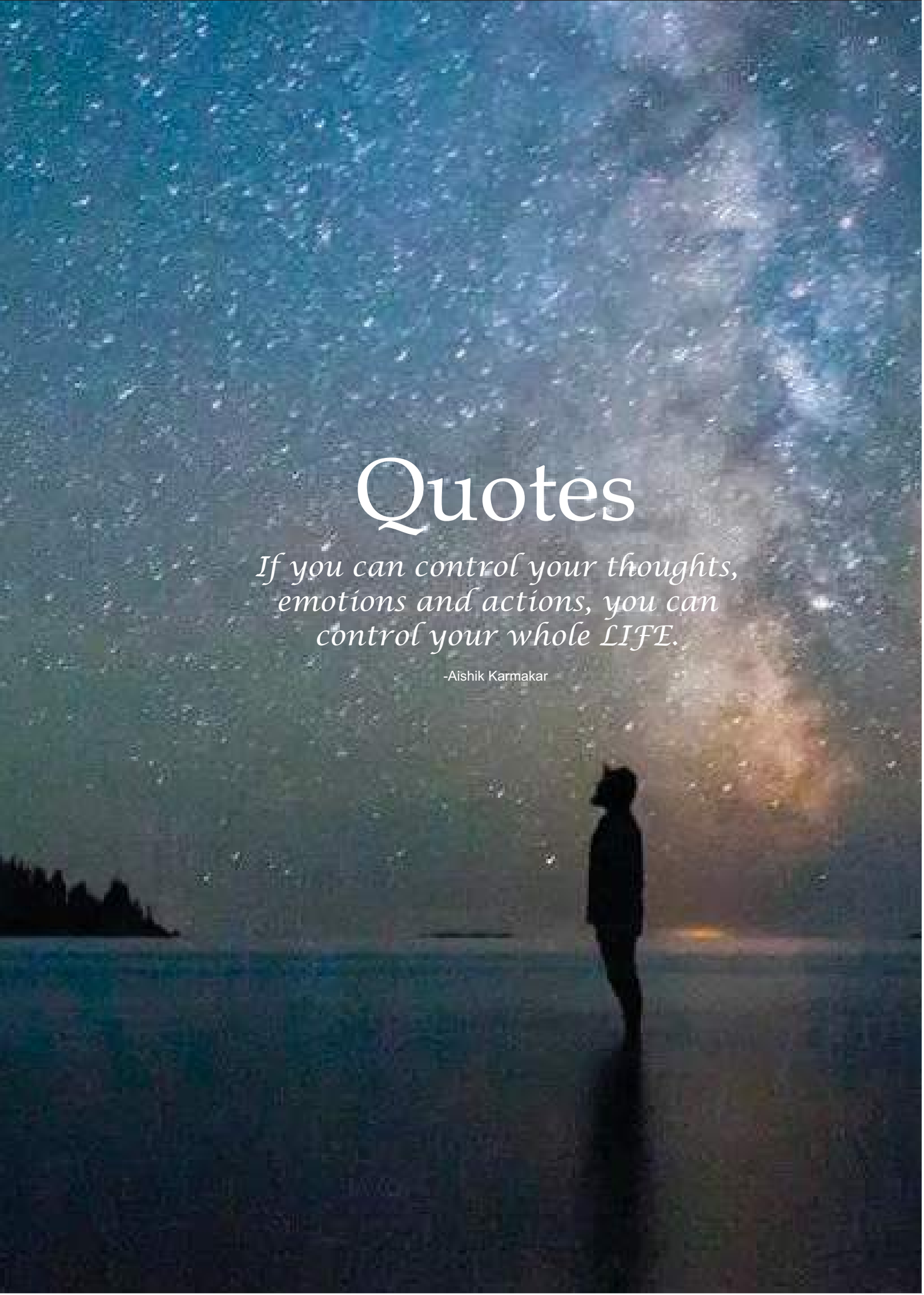


Middle; Minister of Power, Engr. Abubakar Aliyu with Power Stakeholders

# Quotes

*If you can control your thoughts,  
emotions and actions, you can  
control your whole LIFE.*

-Aishik Karmakar







## MINISTER OF POWER MEETS WITH TCN MANAGEMENT TEAM

By Kazah Bili Aaku

The Minister of Power, Engr. Abubakar Aliyu, has called on all power sector stakeholders to embrace constant dialogue among themselves as a strategy in fostering collaborative relationships between generation, transmission and distribution companies for efficient service delivery.

Engr. Aliyu, made the call during a meeting with Management of Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN), who briefed him on the present status, prospects and achievements of the Company from May 2020 till date, recently in Abuja.

In his presentation to the Minister, the Ag. Managing Director/ Chief Executive Officer of TCN, Engr. Dr. Sule

Ahmed Abdulaziz, said TCN's areas of priority are the implementation of the Nigeria Electricity Grid Maintenance, Expansion and Rehabilitation Program (NEGMRP) with the program developmental objective of delivering quality bulk electricity supply to Distribution Load Centers, while giving equal attention to all transmission lines and substation projects across the country.

According to him, other areas of priority include the Improvement of Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) to strengthen the company's ability to meet its obligations, Service Level Mechanism Development, positioning itself to better serve the GenCos, DisCos, eligible customers, international customers, human

capacity development and staff welfare as well as general improvement in operational systems and processes.

Engr. Abdulaziz also mentioned other milestones recorded by the Company in the last two years to include the creation of a peaceful atmosphere for industrial harmony between the two in-house Unions and a harmonious working environment for staff, which has led to increased productivity.

He also explained that within the last two years TCN had developed cordial relationships with GenCos and DisCos, and consider them critical stakeholders adopting a more collaborative approach through dialogue, interface meetings and accommodating service

He said TCN has Improved its capacity for international procurement and project management by training several members of staff to drive projects implementation. TCN engineers now undertake more repairs of major equipment such as power transformers and has conducted system studies to guide decisions on system expansion and upgrade.

Engr. Abdulaziz highlighted a number of TCN completed projects within the last two years to include; the Construction of 2x60MVA, 132/33kV Substation at Gagarawa, Jigawa State, Construction of 2x30MVA, 132/33kV

**He also informed that TCN now has a responsive and strict maintenance culture and has procured spare parts for the central store to sustain effective maintenance.**

was created from Kaduna Region and four Work Centres in Dutse, Gwagwalada, Ganmo and Katsina were upgraded to Sub-Regions. He added that seven (7) new work centres were also created in Akure, Asaba, Ihovbor, Kontagora, Jalingo and Uyo.

On general improvement in operational systems and processes, the Ag. MD/CEO said that TCN has commenced the deployment of Automatic Meter Reading System to improve efficiency and transparency of Market data administration, secured funding for implementation of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) to



Substation at Yelwa, Yauri, construction of Ikorodu-Odogunyan-Shagamu 132kV double circuit transmission line and the construction of 2x60MVA, 132/33kV Substation at Agu-Awka, Anambra State.

Others are; Reinforcement of Ogba TS, Lagos State with 1X100MVA transformer, Reinforcement of Ikeja West TS, Lagos State with 1X300MVA Transformer, Reinforcement of Rumuosi, Rivers State with 1X60 MVA Transformer, Reinforcement of Okene TS, Lagos State with 1X40MVA transformer, Reinforcement of Iseyin TS, Lagos

State with 1X40MVA transformer and the reconductoring 140km Birni-Kebbi-Sokoto 330/132kV transmission line.

He also informed that TCN now has a responsive and strict maintenance culture and has procured spare parts for the central store to sustain effective maintenance. TCN, he said, has also commenced the process of decentralizing the central store for easy access by regional offices and has equally undertaken massive trace clearing.

Engr. Abdulaziz said that for efficient service delivery, the new Kano Region

further improve internal business processes and accountability, acquired system planning software for studies to facilitate efficient and scientific decisions related to network development and the deployment of processes to implement the Service Level Tariff Order among others.

He informed the Minister that the efforts initiated to achieve effective grid management by TCN have resulted in multiple all-time peak generation which was successfully transmitted. The highest peak generation of 5,801.60MW achieved on 1st March, 2021.



# WAPP HOLDS 51ST EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

By Nndidi Mbah



Middle: The Chairman of West African Power Pool (WAPP) Executive Board/Ag. MD-CEO of the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN), Engr. Dr. Sule Abdulaziz, addressing the 51st edition of the WAPP Executive Board Meeting in Cotonou, Republic of Benin.

The West African Power Pool (WAPP) has held its 51st Board Meeting in Cotonou, the Republic of Benin on 25th September, 2021. The meeting was hybrid in nature with physical and virtual attendance of the members in observance of COVID -19 protocols.

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman of the WAPP Executive Board / Ag. MD-CEO of TCN, Engr. Dr. Sule Abdulaziz said that the 51st WAPP Executive Board Meeting was convened essentially to review and adopt the certified 2020 Financial Statements as well as the 2022 Budget and Work Programme of WAPP. He intimated the Board that the financial statements had been duly audited and certified by external auditors.

The Chairman commended the WAPP Secretariat for the diligent pursuit of project execution and expressed confidence in the efforts of the WAPP team. He noted that the institution was working hard towards achieving the collective goal of the Pool in line with

the aspirations of its founding fathers. Commenting on the need for prompt payment of dues, the Chairman acknowledged the global effect of COVID-19 pandemic on businesses generally, and suggested that the yearly contributions by member-utilities should not be increased to avoid the further burdening of businesses. Against this background, he directed that efforts should be intensified in recovering debts owed by defaulting utilities.

Engr. Dr. Abdulaziz expressed gratitude to the Government and the people of Benin Republic for the warm welcome and hospitality accorded the WAPP Board Members who were in the country for the meeting and for creating an enabling environment for WAPP operations.

Speaking earlier, the Secretary General of WAPP, Apollinaire Siengui KI explained that the Financial Statement for year 2020 was made up of the consolidated statements of various projects funded by WAPP Technical

and Financial partners. He also noted that the programme of activities for the year 2022, was rigorously drawn up in conjunction with the Financial Committee, taking into cognisance the current global financial situation due to the pandemic.

He introduced the new members of the WAPP Executive Board whom he said were the newly appointed Managing Directors of Ci-Energies of Cote d'Ivoire and GRIDCO of Ghana. He also informed the Board that he had taken out time to update the new members on the activities of WAPP and the stage of project execution.

Apollinaire KI noted that the performance of WAPP, in terms of project execution, had increased with more inflow from its financial partners. The meeting noted that some WAPP Utilities were no longer participating in meetings as well as paying their dues to the regional body. A team was constituted to contact them for further discussions with the view to reintegrating them into the Pool.

# POWER SECTOR LOSES INSTALLATIONS, REVENUE TO VANDALS

By Ndidi Mbah

**T**ransmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) has lost about 1.17-billion-naira revenue on the vandalized Damaturu – Maiduguri transmission line from January 26th to September 24th, 2021, translating to an average energy loss of 840 Mega Watts Hour per day for the period. The Company also lost 880 million naira to the destruction of eight (8) 330kV towers brought down by insurgents within the same period.

The Minister of Power, Engr. Abubakar D. Aliyu, FNSE, represented by the Ag. Managing Director and CEO of Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) Engr. Dr. Sule Abdulaziz disclosed this during the Annual Town Hall Meeting in Maiduguri, Borno State capital, organized by the Federal Ministry of Information and Culture to address the nagging issue of vandalism of power and telecommunications infrastructure in the country. He revealed that as at September 17th, 2021, TCN had completed five new towers and associated transmission lines, awaiting energization, when insurgents brought down another two transmission towers at Auno Village the next day, making it impossible to energize the rehabilitated line.

Speaking further on the issue, the Minister noted that from the gas pipelines, to the transmission lines, and towers to distribution infrastructure nationwide, vandalism is a reoccurring decimal that has seriously affected efforts by the present administration to put in place a more robust grid. Consequently, some of the funds budgeted for rehabilitation and expansion of the nation's grid have been used for the repair and restoration of vandalized installations.



Hon. Minister of Power, Engr. Abubakar Aliyu, FNSE

This challenge, he said, has become a national embarrassment, with the urgent need for stakeholders to work together to find solutions against the backdrop of a deliberate effort by the present administration to ensure the provision of adequate infrastructure in addition to rehabilitating existing ones for a more robust electricity network.

He noted that in the Maiduguri axis, vandalism has continued to affect bulk transmission of power through Damaturu – Maiduguri 330kV and Damboa – Maiduguri 132kV transmission lines. This invariably impacts negatively on power distribution through Yola DisCo. On the other hand, reconnection or repair work constantly exposes TCN engineers and contractors to danger and also constitutes a drain on revenue and funds meant for grid expansion.

The Honorable Minister further disclosed that power installations in other parts of the country are also not spared by vandals. Examples of such widespread acts of vandalism include Lambatta Village near Suleja, where two towers were vandalized, and along Benin-Ikeja West, two towers were vandalized in December 2002 disrupting supply to Lagos.

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In the same manner in August 2015, a tower in Oronta village in Abia State was brought down by vandals. In Umuahia, ten drums of aluminum conductors were carted away by vandals disrupting the erection of a new tower. Also, the Escravos – Lagos pipeline was blasted by vandals, disrupting gas supply to over six power generation stations in the western part of the country in 2016, among others.

The Honourable Minister suggested that the challenge posed by vandals can be tackled through extensive public enlightenment, which would ensure that the general public, especially the host communities, understand their role in the protection of power infrastructures. According to him, when people see themselves as part-owners of power assets, they will be more committed to partnering with the government to check the vandals.

Engr. Aliyu also suggested that modern electronic security/surveillance equipment that can detect and monitor installations using radio frequency signals should be deployed, while security agencies must ensure that no

market exists for the sale or purchase of vandalized electrical equipment in the country. This, he said, should be backed up by appropriate legislation with stiff penalties. In this regard, he advised that the Nigerian Police Anti-Electricity Vandalism Response Squad, the Nigerian Security and Civil Defense Corps as well as DisCos /TCN should work together to help contain the menace.

Also commenting on measures to improve power supply in the Maiduguri axis, the Honourable Minister opined that executing embedded generation such as the proposed NNPC 50MW gas power plant, solar farm, or wind farm, could ameliorate the effect of power outage within Maiduguri.

Earlier, in his opening address, the Minister of Information and Culture, Alhaji Lai Mohammed, said that the scale of vandalism is worse than we can imagine affecting not just the telecommunication and power sector, but also railway tracks, bridge railings, and critical aviation powered infrastructure, which ultimately impacts negatively on the economic

development of the country.

He tasked the communities hosting these installations to intensify effort and devise methods that will help them protect the installations, noting that there was need for more vigilance to enable the arrest and prosecution of culprits and people who engage in buying or selling these items.

Also speaking during the program, the Governor of Borno State, Professor Baba-Gana Zulum said that the choice of Maiduguri as the venue for the meeting could not have been more appropriate, with the increased spate of vandalism of electricity infrastructure by insurgents, especially on the Damaturu and Demboa axis, which has brought untold hardship to the people.

He enumerated efforts of the State Government in collaboration with the Ministry of Power, TCN, and NNPC to restore power to the State, in the short run, to ameliorate the suffering of the people through the NNPC 50MW embedded generation.



L-R, Ag. MD/CEO TCN, Engr. Dr. Sule Abdulaziz, Minister of Information and Culture, Alhaji Lai Mohammed, and Commissioner, Technical Services, NCC, Engr. Ubale Ahmed

## PERMANENT SECRETARY, FEDERAL MINISTRY OF POWER



 Engr. Nebeolisa Anako, FNSE

**N**ebeolisa Anako was born on 5th August, 1964. He has a Bachelor of Engineering (B.Eng. Hons.) Degree in Civil Engineering (1986) from the Anambra State University of Technology, Enugu and a Master of Science (M.Sc.) Degree (1989) in Construction Management from the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.

In 1988, he started his professional career in the private sector as a Design Engineer in an Engineering Consultancy Firm in Kano. Subsequently, he joined a building and engineering contracting firm, and was the Project Engineer for the construction of Kwara State High Court Ilorin, and completion of the Kano State House of Assembly Complex.

He joined the Federal Civil Service as an Executive Engineer Grade 1 with the Federal Highways Department of the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing on 1st August 1989; and rose through

the ranks to become head of projects (Engineer's Representative, and Federal Controller of Works), and headed the team that executed several landmark highway and bridge projects for the Ministry. He subsequently became the Director, Federal Highways Design (Roads); and later, the Director, Bridge Construction, overseeing the construction of all federal highways bridges in the country.

Engr. Anako was the Technical Assistant to the former Hon. Minister of Works & Housing Chief Anthony Anenih between 1999-2002 and also Member/Secretary of EMT, a Presidential team saddled with the responsibility for monitoring and reporting on all federal highway projects during the period 1999 – 2002. He authored and delivered several conferences/workshops/seminar/papers as well as newspaper publications. He has received a Ministerial Award of

Commendation of Service. He was first appointed Federal Permanent Secretary in December, 2019, and has served in that capacity at the Police Service Commission, Federal Ministry of Information and Culture, Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports Development and now Federal Ministry of Power.

He is a Registered Engineer with the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN). In 2001, he was conferred and inaugurated as a Fellow of the Nigerian Society of Engineers (FNSE). Engr. Anako has earned Awards of Excellence from the Nigerian Society of Engineers, and the Nigerian Institution of Civil Engineers. He is also a Fellow of the Nigerian Institution of Highway and Transportation Engineers (FNIHTE), and the Nigerian Institute of Civil Engineers (FNICE).



# *TCN Management Tees off at Uyo*

**O**n the sidelines of the recent Management Retreat by the Management of TCN in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, the Ag. MD/CEO, Engr. Dr. Sule Abdulaziz, lead some participants to the vast beautiful Golf course of Ibom Icon Hotel.

While we congratulate the organisers of the Retreat for choosing such an exciting and grand venue for the retreat, we present below pictures captured by Public Affairs camera on the golf course.







L-R Ag MD/CEO TCN and new Country Director AFD

## TCN, AFD DISCUSS AFD FUNDED PROJECTS AND OTHER AREAS OF COLLABORATION

By Eric Ephraim Ene

**W**orried by the delay in the implementation of some critical transmission infrastructure in the country, the Management of TCN has requested the new Country Director of Agence Francaise De Developpment (AFD), Mr. Xavier Muron should make every effort to ensure that his tenure witnesses the completion of AFD funded transmission projects in Nigeria.

The Ag. Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of TCN, Engr. Dr. Sule Abdulaziz, made the request when Mr. Xavier Muron, paid a familiarization visit to TCN Management on Wednesday, 29th September 2021, in Abuja.

Engr. Abdulaziz who welcomed the new AFD helmsman in Nigeria to TCN

Corporate Headquarters, expressed TCN's readiness to work with him to succeed. "We believe your tenure will be successful and that you would bring to the job your vast experience in projects execution to ensure that AFD financed projects are completed on time. We also believe that as we collaborate more effectively, challenges would be dealt with more effectively in a way that would ensure the projects are not affected".

Speaking further on the need to fast-track the completion of AFD projects, the Executive Director, Transmission Service Provider (TSP), Engr. Victor Adewumi, pointed out that the Abuja Ring Project though on going, needs to be fastracked irrespective of issues that emanates between contractors, AFD

and TCN.

According to him, "There is no project that doesn't have any issues, but our ability to solve these issues and move on quickly is what matters as managers. We want to see how we can quickly resolve issues around this project to ensure that the project is completed on time".

Engr. Adewumi, however, appreciated AFD for sponsoring this project in Abuja, and noted that Abuja as the capital city of Nigeria was already deficit in terms of energy supply due to growth in population and increase in economic activities..

In his remarks, the General Manager (Programme Coordination), TCN, Engr. Joseph Ciroma, solicited AFD's support to TCN in the area of capacity development. "We have a lot of engineers in TCN, accountants and other professionals and you know Engineering is a dynamic profession. Things are changing rapidly so we want a situation where AFD assist in capacity building to enable our engineers compete favourably with engineers all over the world" he said.

Engr. Ciroma further stated that though the Abuja Ring project which is aimed at improving the northern corridor was almost 95% ready, the issue of a project of such magnitude running without a

Letter of Credit has affected the growth of this project, noting that millions of dollars in ordering these transformers before they are

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reimbursed, is quite challenging.

In his response, the new Country Director of AFD, Mr. Xavier Muron, assured that AFD will continue to partner with TCN in expanding the grid "So far I understand that this partnership is quite fruitful, and I have no doubt that during my time we will be able to achieve a lot more together". He explained that his visit was to enable him to understand where TCN wants AFD to focus on.

He also enjoined TCN Management to share with AFD, areas of priority that would enable them align their technical and financial plans for TCN projects.



Group photograph



# TCN MANAGEMENT REVIEWS EMPLOYEES CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

By Grace Sambe Jauro



ED, HR & CS, Barr Ishaya Dodo, GM (IR), Mr. Chuks Nnaji,

**T**he Management of Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN), has reviewed employee's conditions of service and career progression path documents in its resolve to boost commitment and service delivery in the Company.

The Executive Director, Human Resources and Corporate Services, Mr. Justin Ishaya Dodo, made this known at the opening session of the sensitization programme for staff of TCN on the reviewed 2020 Conditions of Service and Career Progression Path documents, on Monday, 13th September 2021, at the TCN Corporate Headquarters in Abuja.

According to him, the importance of the Conditions of Service document which spells out disciplinary measures and obligations of Management and staff of the company cannot be over-emphasized as it educates, enhances, and equips staff for any given situation. On career progression, he stated that it helps the Company to properly position the organization in carrying out promotions and recruiting new staff and spells out the maximum level staff can attain based on their educational qualification.

Mr. Dodo further charged staff to obtain copies of both documents and acquaint themselves with both the Conditions of Service and the Career Progression Path documents.

Earlier in his welcome address, the General Manager Industrial Relations (IR), Mr. Chuks Nnaji, disclosed that the reviewed 2020 Conditions of Service has the buy-in of both TCN chapters of the National Union of Electricity Employees (NUEE) and the Senior Staff Association of Electricity and Allied Companies (SSAEAC).

Mr. Nnaji also spoke about expectations from every staff and the need for highest level of professionalism as contained in the Conditions of Service, adding that all Industrial Relations staff should familiarise themselves with the documents to enable them perform optimally.

The General Manager, Human Resources and Corporate Services, Mrs. Abiodun Afolabi who spoke extensively on career development as guided by the Career Progression Path, said the Conditions of Service document was last reviewed in 2020 by the present Management of TCN, after a long time, adding that the sensitization programme is basically to outline in specific terms, the obligations of every staff within TCN, and to ensure every staff understands them.

The sensitization programme was carried out in all the Regions of TCN nationwide.



Group photograph of TCN staff, Abuja



# Minister of Power, Calls for Coordination between **GENCOS** and **DISCOS**

By: Grace Sambe-Jauro

The Honourable Minister of Power, Engr. Abubakar D. Aliyu, FNSE has called for coordination between the Federal Ministry of Power and players in the electricity value chain in the implementation of their core mandates for effective service delivery and optimal power supply to Nigerians.

The Minister made this call during an interactive meeting with Power Generation Companies (GenCos), and Power Distribution Companies (DisCos), on Tuesday 28th September 2021, in Abuja.

In his address, the Minister expressed dismay at the way players in the electricity value chain were operating independently, and stressed the need for the GenCos, DisCos, and Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN), to work in synergy in order to tackle the epileptic power situation in the country. "We need to interact, we need to know what each other is doing, we need to help one another, we need to lift one another, we need to have our full loyalty to the system, we need to help the system," he said.

According to him, his study of the electricity sector in Nigeria has revealed the need to rescript and change the approach on how things are done in the entire value chain,

adding that GenCos, TCN, and DisCos are all part of the same system and when one fails to deliver, the entire power sector has failed to deliver irrespective of their individual mandates in the sector.

"We are linked together, we are supposed to be a chain, an unbroken one; a chain is supposed to be very strong, but once there is a weakness in the connection it becomes weak. We need to come together and x-ray where our weaknesses are, to enable us give back to our people," he stressed.

Engr. Aliyu further stated that the Nigerian electricity industry has the manpower, resources, and competence to change the negative perception of the industry. He also disclosed that new strategies are to be developed in order to actualize the increase in power supply to the nation. He solicited the commitment and loyalty of all players in the sector to the cause of providing adequate, safe, reliable and affordable electricity to Nigerians, while pledging his readiness to work with them through getting necessary backing from the Government in achieving a clear pathway to success.

The Minister equally disclosed his intention to maintain an open-door

policy to avail everyone the opportunity to contribute their ideas and quota to the new paradigm and also present their challenges for his consideration. He enjoined stakeholders to work together, saying, "if you have any contribution or suggestion, bring it on, and let us come out with a clear pathway to achieving success".

In response, a representative of the GenCos Engr. Lamu Audu, MD/CEO of Mainstream Energy, congratulated the Minister on his appointment and commended him for hitting the ground running and acquainting himself with the sector within a short time. He highlighted infrastructure deficit, liquidity shortfall amongst others as challenges affecting the sector.

He counselled that whatever policy the Government will adopt should attract investors, and encourage operators to do more for the power sector.

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Group photograph of the minister of power with GenCos



Group photograph of the minister of power with DisCos

## 2021 Management Retreat In Pictures



R-L, Ag. MD/CEO, TCN Engr. Dr. Sule Ahmed Abdulaziz, Governor of Akwa Ibom, Mr Udom Emmanuel, and Secretary to the Akwa Ibom State Government, Dr Emmanuel Ekuwem,



Front, ED TSP, Engr Victor Adewumi, ED ISO, Engr Lawal Maman, ED HR, Barr. Ishaya Dodo and Ag. MD/CEO TCN, Engr. Dr. Sule Abdulaziz



Participants



Participants

## Visit to Ibom Power Plant



Ag. MD/CEO TCN, Engr. Dr. Sule Abdulaziz, ED ISO, Engr. Lawal Maman, and ED TSP, Engr Victor Adewumi



Cross section of TCN management staff during the visit



## 2021 Management Retreat In Pictures



visit to the "bridge of no return"



## Visit to Ibom Power Plant



TCN team led by the Ag. MD/CEO, Engr Dr Sule Abdulaziz and the MD of Ibom Power Plant, Engr Meye Etukudo



## PHOTO SPEAK



The Chairman WAPP Executive Board/Ag. MD-CEO of TCN, the MD of Mainstream Energy Solutions Limited, and others visited the project site of International Coordination Center (ICC) in Cotonou to inspect the project



Nigerian Air Force delegation led by Air Vice Marshall Remigus Nnamdi Ekeh, met with TCN Management to discuss TCN's aircraft parked at the Kaduna Military Airport



TCN Management led by the Ag. MD/CEO, Engr. Dr. Sule Abdulaziz and Executives of National Union of Electricity Employees, NUEE, led by the Gen. Sec. Comrade Joe Ajearo meet to discuss specific staff and operational issues.



# “Conferment”



Engr. Dr. Geoffrey Nwokoye, GM, (Engineering) on his conferment of Doctor of Science degree in Engineering & Project Management by the European American University



Engr. Dr. Kazeem Bakare, RTM, Osogbo Region, on his conferment as Fellow, during the 18th NSE Fellowship and Conferment ceremony



Engr. Shehu Abba-Aliyu, GM (SP&D), on his conferment as Fellow, during the 18th NSE Fellowship and Conferment ceremony



Engr. Musa Bukar Izah, AGM (DSS&IPP), on his conferment as Fellow, during the 18th NSE Fellowship and Conferment ceremony



Engr. Godwin Afam Aguiyi, S.A. to the Ag. MD/CEO TCN, on his conferment as Fellow, NIPE

## ENUGU REGION MANAGEMENT INSPECTS THREE ON-GOING TCN PROJECTS IN EBONYI STATE

By Mary Philips-Udom



The 330/132/33kV proposed Substation land at Umuoghara in Ebonyi State

The Management of the Enugu Regional Office of TCN along with officials of the Ebonyi State Government undertook an inspection tour of three critical transmission projects in Ebonyi State recently, to ascertain the progress of work.

The TCN team headed by the Regional Transmission Manager (RTM), Enugu Region, Engr. Emmanuel Nwani, and the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Power, Ebonyi State, Engr. Godwin Nwankwo visited the site of Umuoghara 330/132/33kV Substation, the Abakaliki – Amasiri 132kV DC Transmission line, and Amasiri 2x60MVA 133/33kV Substation.

It was discovered during the inspection of the proposed Umuoghara Substation, that though the site had been cleared, the contractors have not mobilized to site. The team was informed that the villagers who donated the land for the substation project have threatened to resume farming on the land if the contractor does not commence the project soon, the RTM promised that TCN will commence the perimeter wall fencing while the issue of the contractor's default will be escalated to TCN headquarters for appropriate action.

Work on the 2x60MVA 132/33kV Amasiri Substation was ongoing, with plinth for the transformer already constructed, with 90 percent of the equipment and materials for the substation already on ground for installation. Only 10 percent of the requisite materials await

clearing from the Lagos port. The contractors for the project, explained that installation works would commence in earnest as soon as the remaining materials are delivered to site.

In the case of the Abakaliki – Amasiri 132kV DC transmission line project, the team confirmed that several transmission towers have been erected along the transmission line route. However, it was discovered that the encroachment by the Ebonyi State Airport Project on the transmission line route was delaying the speedy conclusion of the transmission line project.

In his remarks after the inspection, the Permanent Secretary Ebonyi State Ministry of Power, Engr. Godwin Nwankwo urged TCN expedite work on the projects, saying that the completion of all the transmission projects in the State would enhance socio-economic activities as some important projects such as the International Market, State University, Airport, Medical Center (University), and Ecumenical Center would be energized, with multiplier effect including provision of employment opportunities.

The RTM Enugu Region was accompanied on the inspection by the AGM(T) Enugu Sub Region, Engr. Charles Iwuamadi, the Regional Operations Manager (ISO), Engr. Mike Nwagu, Principal Manager(Grid Metering), Engr. Stephen Okoye, SM(PC&M) Engr. Titus Onyia and the Regional Public Affairs Manager Enugu Region Mrs. Mary Philip Udom.



RTM, Enugu Region, Engr. Nwani and his team at the proposed Substation at Umuoghara in Ebonyi State



# NUEE URGES TCN STAFF, BENIN REGION TO ENHANCE PRODUCTIVITY

By Rufus Imafidon



The General Secretary, Nigeria Union of Electricity Employees (NUEE), Comrade Joe Ajaero, has urged staff of Benin Regional office of TCN to put in their best to enhance productivity in the service of the Company.

Comrade Ajaero gave the charge when he paid a one-day working visit to the Benin Regional Office on Wednesday, 22nd September 2021, in Benin City, to interact with the staff on some industrial issues.

He noted that TCN was one of the best companies in the Nigeria Electricity Supply Industry (NESI) as far as staff welfare is concerned and described the present TCN Management as labour-friendly.

He further enjoined TCN Benin Regional staff to endeavor to maintain their number one position among the regions by putting more effort to lift the Company to an enviable height, assuring that all issues bordering on casual staff were being addressed by the Union. "We have solved the same issue in System Operations and very soon, the ones in TSP would be a thing of the past," he said.

Earlier in his remarks, the Regional Transmission Manager (RTM) Benin Region, Engr. Isaac Okpe thanked Comrade Ajaero and his team for the visit and noted that the Region was known for maintaining cordial relationship with the Union.

Engr. Okpe said he was proud of Benin Region staff in making the Region first among others in ensuring system stability and urged them to sustain the tempo as Management was there to address their concerns.

On his part, the Assistant General Manager (Technical Services), Benin Region, Engr. M. Abdulazeez thanked the General Secretary and his team for a job well done and charged them to put the interest of workers uppermost in their plans.

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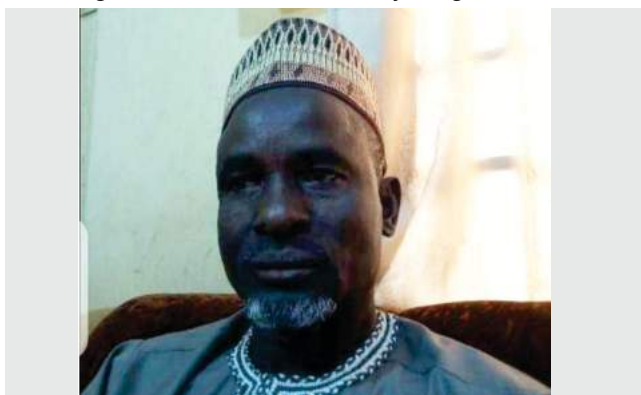
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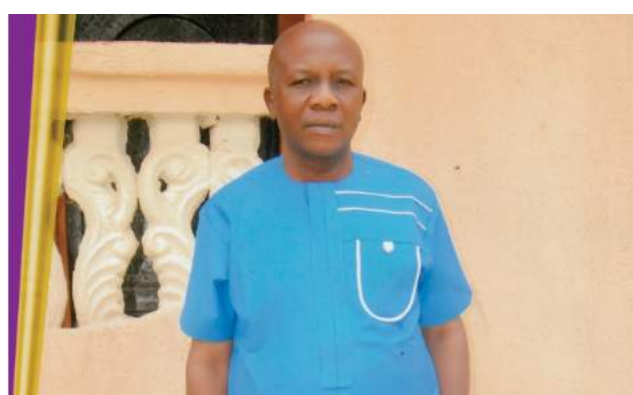
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