



## Abuja Trade Centre Completion Review and Project Handover 4th March 2024

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The Abuja Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) achieved another significant milestone today as Mr. Agbaidu Chukwuemeka Jideani, Director General of ACCI, welcomed Architect Ninah Briggs, Chairman of the Construction Trade Group, for a detailed tour of the Abuja Trade and Convention Centre. This tour aimed to assess the completed phase of the redevelopment project and officially hand over the meticulously renovated and upgraded Centre.

### Assessment and Advancements

Architect Briggs provided an extensive report on the progress of the reconstruction, highlighting critical areas under supervision and identifying specific areas requiring attention in subsequent phases. Key focus areas included electrical rooms, hall staging areas, water channels, toilet facilities, and water tank positioning.

### Proposed Adjustments for Enhancement

During discussions, Director General Jideani proposed modifications to the layout, suggesting the installation of flush-in sockets on the floor for improved functionality and aesthetics. This adjustment aims to enhance the overall user experience of the Convention Centre.

### Expressing Gratitude

Director General Jideani expressed gratitude for Architect Briggs' dedication and time invested in the project, acknowledging the significant progress made. The proposed adjustments reflect the commitment to excellence in every aspect of the Centre's renovation.



## Finalizing Handover

The completion of the review and handover process will be finalized with a test run of the newly installed 500KVA generator, ensuring that the Centre is fully equipped to meet the needs of its users.

Stay tuned for further updates as we continue our efforts to enhance the Abuja Trade and Convention Centre, contributing to the growth and development of the region's business landscape.



## ACCI Commemorates International Women's Day: Advocating for Gender Equality and Economic Empowerment

8th March 2024

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## Call to Action:

Mrs Chioma Njoku, the Chairman of the Women in Business Trade Group of ACCI, called upon everyone to unite for the collective effort to champion women's rights and foster inclusivity. She encouraged individuals to actively support and advance the cause of women worldwide.

## Warm Wishes:

On behalf of the Executive Council and all members of ACCI, the President extends warm wishes to all women, expressing hopes for a happy International Women's Day.

## Conclusion:

Let us continue to strive for gender equality, support women's empowerment initiatives, and work together towards a more inclusive and equitable future.

Best Regards,

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## Memorandum of Understanding Marks Milestone for ACCI-BEST Centre Complex

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The Abuja Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) reached a significant milestone with the official signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Satech Innovation Ltd. The MoU, signed by Chief Emeka Obegolu, SAN, PhD, President of ACCI, and Mr. Asimole Samuel, Managing Director of Satech Innovation Ltd, marks the beginning of a collaborative effort to construct the ACCI-BEST Centre complex.

### 12-Month Agreement

The MoU, spanning over 12 months, solidifies the commitment between ACCI and Satech Innovation Ltd to facilitate the construction of the ACCI-BEST Centre complex. This initiative forms an integral part of the ongoing expansion project, aimed at bolstering the Chamber BEST Centre, a cornerstone initiative under the current ACCI administration.

### Commitment to Success

Mr. Asimole Samuel's presence at the signing ceremony underscores the dedication of both parties to the successful execution of this strategic project. With this partnership, ACCI is poised to further its mission of fostering economic growth and innovation within the region.

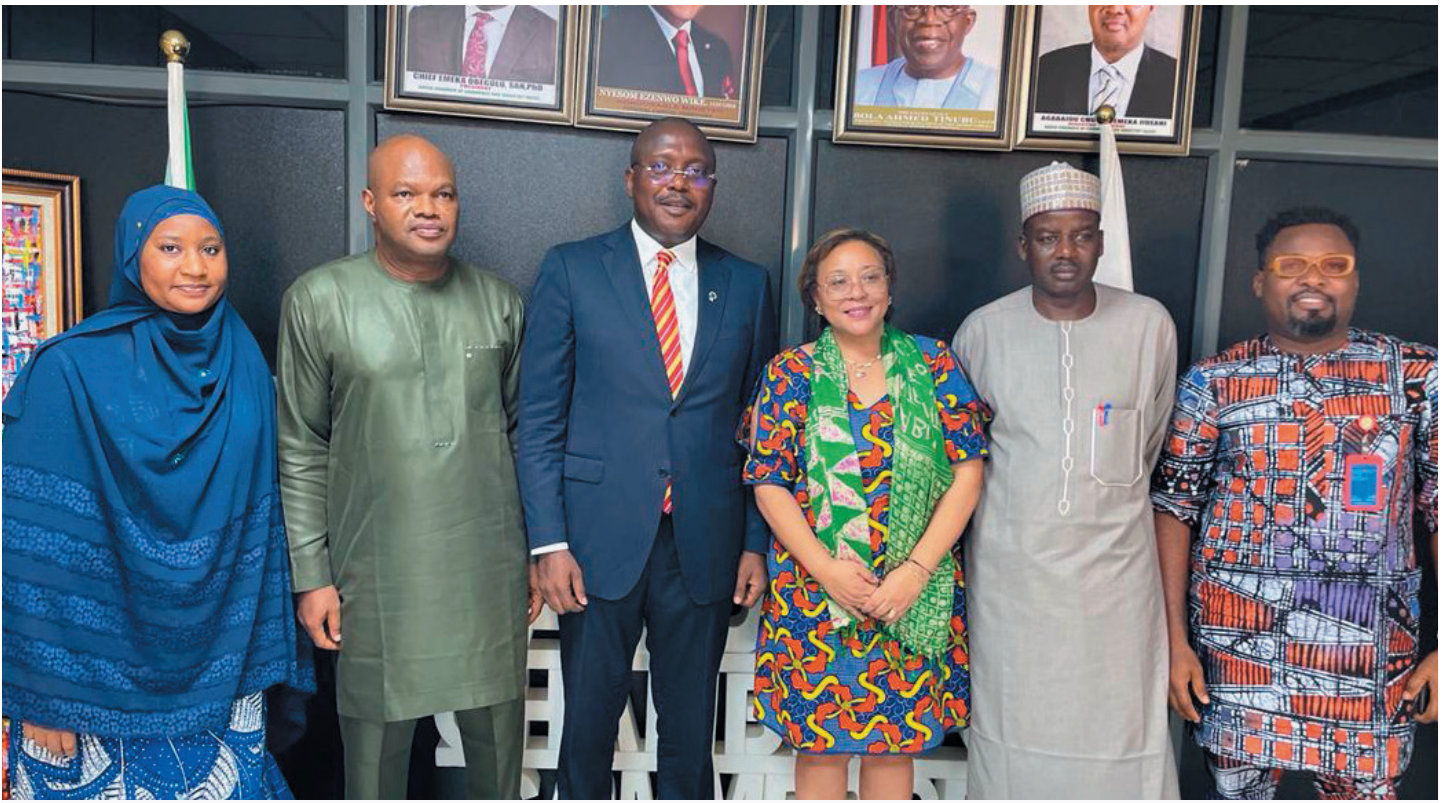


### Distinguished Attendees

The MoU signing ceremony saw the presence of esteemed ACCI members, including:

- Dr. Chijioke Ekechukwu, ACCI Vice President of Industry
- Mr. Agabaidu Chukwuemeka Jideani, Director General of ACCI
- Dr. Ilyasu Buba Gashinbaki, Chairman, Insurance and Finance Trade Group
- Hajija Hauwa Kaka, General Counsel for ACCI
- Dr. Tinuke Temitope, Director of BEST Centre

Alongside other esteemed staff members, their attendance signifies the collective commitment to the success of the ACCI-BEST Centre complex.



## Strengthening Bilateral Relations with Mexico

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### Greetings from ACCI!

We are thrilled to share the exciting news of a recent visit from the Embassy of Mexico in Nigeria. The President of the Abuja Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI), Chief Emeka Obegolu, SAN, PhD, warmly welcomed a two-man delegation from the embassy, led by Mr. Alfredo Miranda, the Ambassador of Mexico to Nigeria.

### Exploring Bilateral Opportunities:

The purpose of the delegation's visit was to explore the potential of establishing a bilateral relationship between ACCI and Mexico, with a particular focus on identifying business opportunities for Mexicans in Nigeria. Ambassador Miranda expressed the embassy's keen interest in engaging with the Nigerian business community to understand the various business attractions Nigeria has to offer.



### Fostering Economic Ties:

In response, Chief Obegolu extended gratitude to the Ambassador and his colleague, emphasizing ACCI's dedication to supporting businesses and facilitating investment opportunities. He highlighted Nigeria's vast and dynamic investment market, which presents significant potential for Mexicans seeking business prospects in the country.

### Commitment to Collaboration:

The meeting was attended by prominent ACCI representatives including Dr. Aliyu Idi Hong; the 2nd Deputy President, Mr. Agabaidu Jideani; the Director General, Hajiya Hauwa Kaka Usman; the General Counsel, Mr. Nnaemeka Ezekwesili Nnam; Director ATC and other ACCI staff members. Their presence underscored ACCI's commitment and support in establishing a beneficial bilateral relationship between Nigeria and Mexico.

### Promoting Partnership:

Discussions during the visit signify the mutual interest and willingness of both ACCI and the Embassy of Mexico to foster a fruitful collaboration. Through this potential partnership, ACCI aims to promote business opportunities, exchange knowledge and expertise, and drive economic growth between the two nations.

### Looking Ahead:

ACCI extends its appreciation to the Embassy of Mexico for its interest in exploring business opportunities in Nigeria. We eagerly anticipate further dialogue and cooperation in the future to strengthen bilateral relations and foster economic prosperity for both countries.



## Top Story: Warm Welcome to the Cuban Ambassador

13th March, 2024

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The President of ACCI, Chief Emeka Obegolu SAN, PhD, extended a warm welcome to the Cuban Ambassador to Nigeria, Miriam Morales Palmero, during her courtesy visit on the 13th of March, 2024. This meeting marked an important milestone in strengthening diplomatic ties between Nigeria and Cuba.

Chief Obegolu expressed delight at the Ambassador's visit, highlighting the significance of collaboration between the two nations. He emphasized the mutual benefits that could arise from increased cooperation in trade and commerce.

Opportunities for ACCI Members: Participate in Cuba's Annual Trade Fair

During her visit, Ambassador Palmero extended an invitation to ACCI members to participate in Cuba's upcoming annual Trade Fair. This presents a valuable opportunity for businesses within the ACCI network to explore new markets and establish fruitful partnerships with Cuban enterprises.

Furthermore, ACCI members received valuable insights into the 19th Abuja International Trade Fair (AITF), scheduled to take place in September and October 2024. As one of the premier trade events in Nigeria, the AITF offers a platform for showcasing products and services on a global scale.

### Closing Remarks:

The ACCI remains committed to fostering international collaborations that promote economic growth and prosperity for its members. The visit by Ambassador Palmero signifies a step forward in realizing these objectives, and ACCI members are encouraged to seize the opportunities presented by these upcoming events.



## The signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU); Improving Road Infrastructure: A Joint Venture

13th March, 2024

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### Introduction

In a remarkable move towards enhancing road infrastructure within the Abuja Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) premises, Chief Emeka Obegolu, SAN, PhD, President of ACCI, officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Diamond Development Company Limited (DDCL). This collaboration sets the stage for significant improvements in the accessibility and functionality of ACCI's facilities.

### Key Highlights

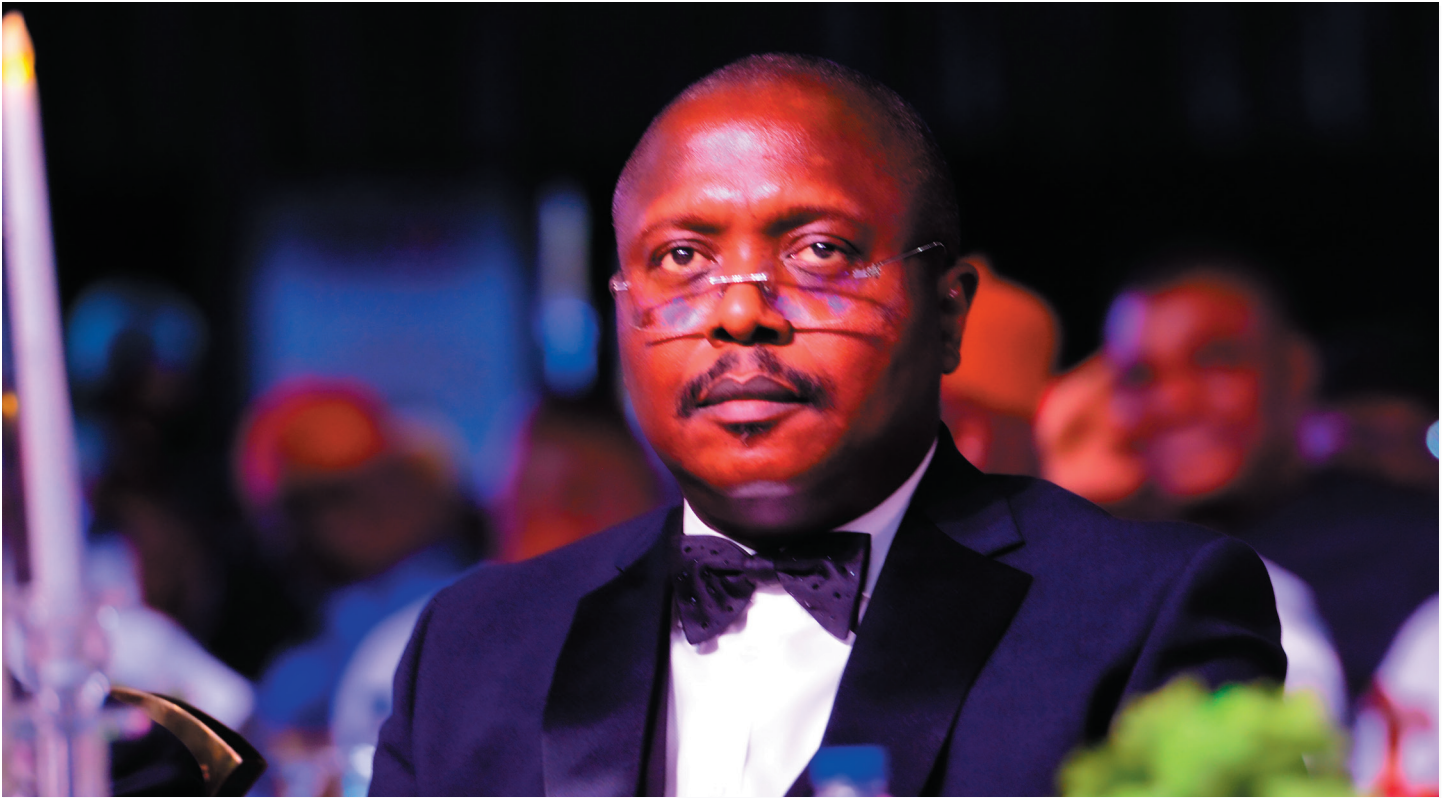
**Partnership Initiation:** President Obegolu, representing ACCI, and Sir Obialor Kingsley, Group Managing Director of DDCL, signed the MoU, initiating a 12-month partnership dedicated to asphaltting the roads within the ACCI facility.

**Clear Objectives:** The MoU delineates the responsibilities and expectations of both ACCI and DDCL, with a shared commitment to completing the project within the agreed-upon timeframe. This clarity ensures efficient project execution and mutual accountability.

**Strategic Partnership:** Sir Obialor Kingsley's participation underscores DDCL's dedication to the project and solidifies its strategic partnership with ACCI. Together, they aim to significantly enhance the infrastructure to better serve ACCI's members and visitors.

### Conclusion

The signing of this MoU represents a significant milestone for both ACCI and DDCL. By joining forces, they demonstrate a shared commitment to driving positive change and fostering a conducive environment for business growth within the ACCI premises.



## Abuja Chamber's President Condemns Killing of Soldiers

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The President of the Abuja Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI), Chief Emeka Obegolu, SAN, PhD, has issued a strong condemnation of the tragic killing of servicemen in the Okuama coastal community in Ugheli North of Delta State.

### Incident Details

The incident occurred on Thursday, March 14, 2024, when Nigerian troops, responding to a crisis between Okuama and Okoloba communities in Delta State, were ambushed. The unfortunate incident resulted in the loss of one Commanding Officer, two Majors, one Captain, twelve soldiers, and one civilian.

### Expressing Grief and Support

Expressing his deep sadness and shock over the loss of the brave servicemen, Chief Obegolu, SAN, PhD, highlighted the ACCI's unwavering support for the armed forces and called for an investigation to unravel the root cause of the violence.

### Protection of National Defenders

Chief Obegolu, SAN, PhD, emphasized the importance of protecting those who selflessly safeguard the nation and preserve the sanctity of human life, reiterating that ACCI is an Armed Forces-friendly institution.

### Condolences and Commiserations

As the leader of the organized Private Sector in the Federal Capital Territory of Nigeria, Chief Emeka Obegolu, SAN, PhD, extended heartfelt condolences to the President and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, the Minister of Defense, the Chief of Defense Staff, and the families of the fallen heroes.

