

# Multimodal West Africa '17 to improve Nigeria's transport and logistics business

From 14 to 16 March 2017, Nigeria's transport and logistics experts will gather for [Multimodal West Africa 2017](#). Industry stakeholders believe that the exhibition will adequately reposition the transport and logistics sector which used to be noted for its huge contribution to the nation's economy but has struggled to retain its position as a result of economic downturn.



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As part of the commitment by Clarion Event West Africa, the organisers of the event, to deliver value and reinforce the essence of the exhibition as one with capacity to foster economic development especially at such a crucial time in the country, MMWA will run concurrently with the very successful [Nigeria Manufacturing Equipment Expo](#) (NME) and the [Nigerian Raw Material Expo](#) (NIRAM) at the Landmark Expo Centre.

## Strategic discourse

The Exhibition which has the Nigeria Ports Authority as Event Patron will also witness strategic discourse sessions which will be delivered by key industry experts. These include Hassan Bello, Esq, The Executive Secretary, Nigerian Shippers Council who will speak on “Integrating Port Capacity with Inland Access”; Hajia Aisha Ali Ibrahim, FCILT, FNIS, Port Manager, Nigerian Ports Authority who will discuss, “Woman in Logistics and Transport”; Alban Igwe, FCILT, Deputy National President, Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transportation will talk on “Towards a Global logistics hub in West Africa”; Gabriel Aghunor, General Manager, Gadol Nigeria, on “Dealing with Large Container Vessels”; Olumide Adesoun and Suleiman Ibrahim of Pwc will both discuss “The Challenges and Opportunities of African Ports”

Others are Francis Ehiguese, FCILT, Member, Governing Council, Chartered Institute of Logistics & Transport who speaks on “Building Capacity for Transport Network Integration”; Babatunde Omolabi, Warehouse Manager, Guinness Nigeria will be speaking on, “Warehouse Management and Best Practcies” while Dr. Obiora E. Madu, Chief Facilitator/CEO, Multimix Academy, Nigeria will address the topic, “The importance of Data, Logistics and Competitiveness”.

## Engaging all major stakeholders

Speaking on the exhibition, Captain Samuel Olarewaju, (FICS), chairman, Nigeria Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers advised all stakeholders/participants to make the best of the huge opportunities Multimodal West Africa presents, as it is capable of improving transport and logistics business’ contribution to the subregion's economic

development. He reiterated the need for synergy in the activities of the port and terminal operators, shipping lines, freight forwarders and other stakeholders, which he believes can be achieved during the three-day event.

Dele Alimi, managing director, Clarion Events West Africa revealed that the Multimodal West Africa Exhibition and Conference has been designed and targeted to engage all major stakeholders in the industry from across all the sub-sectors and the value chain under one roof with a view to help review the sector and proffer lasting solution to the various challenges in the sector. According to him, Clarion Events is providing a platform for players in both public and private sectors to exchange notes and ideas and design solutions that will be mutually beneficial and help move the sector forward and ultimately impact positively in Nigeria's quest for sustainable transport and logistics sector.

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