

NIGERIAN CONTENT DEVELOPMENT & MONITORING BOARD (NCDMB)

PRACTICAL NIGERIAN CONTENT (PNC)

2023 FORUM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4 - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023

CONFERENCE CENTRE, NIGERIAN CONTENT TOWER, OXBOW LAKE ROAD, SWALI, YENAGOA, BAYELSA STATE.

OVERVIEW ON THE PRACTICAL NIGERIAN CONTENT (PNC) 2023 FORUM:

"DEEPENING NIGERIAN CONTENT AMIDST DIVESTMENTS, DOMESTICATION & DECARBONISATION".

As the world navigates an era of rapid change and transformation within the energy sector, the Practical Nigerian Content (PNC) 2023 Forum emerges as a beacon of resilience and innovation in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State.

Hosted by the Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB), this year's theme, "Deepening Nigerian Content Amidst Divestments, Domestication & Decarbonisation," signifies a crucial pivot towards sustainability and local empowerment in Nigeria's oil and gas industry.

The conference convenes an esteemed assembly of industry leaders, policymakers, innovators, and stakeholders to deliberate on pressing issues at the forefront of the evolving energy landscape. Against the backdrop of divestments, the need for domestication of technologies, and the imperative of decarbonization, this gathering serves as a platform for critical discussions and strategic collaborations.

With an emphasis on indigenous participation and local empowerment, the conference aims to address the challenges posed by divestments while exploring opportunities for indigenous players to step in and fill the void. The agenda includes insightful dialogues on strategies for technology domestication, encouraging investments, and fostering collaborations to drive sustainable growth in the sector.

Furthermore, in alignment with the global shift towards decarbonization, this year's discussions will revolve around eco-friendly practices, renewable energy solutions, and the role of Nigerian content in achieving cleaner energy sources. The focus on reducing carbon footprints and embracing sustainable practices underscores Nigeria's commitment to environmental stewardship while promoting economic growth.

Amidst these transformative times, the PNC 2023 Forum serves as a catalyst for the industry's evolution. It champions the spirit of innovation, resilience, and adaptation, echoing Nigeria's determination to leverage its resources, talents, and capabilities for the greater good.

As the world witnesses' seismic shifts in the energy sector, this conference stands as a testament to Nigeria's unwavering commitment to deepening Nigerian content, fostering homegrown solutions, and charting a course towards a more sustainable and inclusive energy future.

The PNC 2023 Forum not only reflects the resilience of Nigeria's energy industry but also embodies its determination to transform challenges into opportunities, driving the nation towards a brighter, more sustainable future

GENERAL LOGISTICS

Travel Logistics to Yenagoa for Practical Nigerian Content (PNC) 2023 Conference

1. Flights from other locations to Port Harcourt:

· Several airlines operate flights from Lagos, Abuja, and other locations to Port Harcourt International Airport (PHC). Flights are available daily, with multiple schedules throughout the day.

2. Flights from other locations to Yenagoa:

- ·The only airline operating flights from Lagos and Abuja to Bayelsa International Airport (BIA) is United Nigeria. Flights were available daily, with multiple schedules throughout the day until recently when flights now have a two-day schedule Mondays and Wednesdays.
- · United Nigeria Airlines flight plies Lagos to Yenagoa, Yenagoa to Lagos, and Abuja to Yenagoa, Yenagoa to Abuja on Mondays. On Wednesdays, the flight schedule is Lagos to Yenagoa, Yenagoa to Lagos. Regular daily flights are envisaged to resume during PNC 2023. All flights have an average flight duration of approximately 60 minutes.

3. Land Transport from Port Harcourt to Yenagoa:

- \cdot For those preferring ground transportation, road travel from Port Harcourt to Yenagoa is possible via East-West Road of approximately 95.2 kilometres.
- · Private taxi services and car rental options are available at Port Harcourt International Airport (PHC), offering a convenient way to travel by road. The journey takes approximately 2 hours, depending on traffic conditions.

4. Land Transport from Warri to Yenagoa:

·Travellers coming from Warri can also opt for road transport to Yenagoa. Private car hire service or buses are available from Warri to Yenagoa via Orho Agberho – Patani Road, covering a distance of about 135.4 kilometres taking approximately 3 hours, depending on the route and traffic.

5. Accommodation in High-Profile Hotels in Yenagoa:

- · Yenagoa offers several high-profile hotels and accommodations catering to diverse preferences and budgets. Some recommended hotels suitable for conference attendees include:
- Royal Castle Golden Tulip: A luxury hotel offering comfortable rooms, modern
 amenities, and conference facilities, having a panoramic view of the Bayelsa
 Golf Club situated within the precinct of the Creek Haven Government
 House, Yenagoa.
- Golden Tulip Annex: Known for its elegance and top-notch services, with proximity to the conference venue, and situated within the posh apartments of the Government House, Onopa – venue for the PNC 2023 Youth Forum.
- The Tap Tallen Hotel: A prestigious hotel offering luxurious accommodations and exquisite facilities within earshot of the conference venue at the Nigerian Content Tower on Oxbow Lake Road, Swali.
- Details of other hotels and requisite facilities can be gotten from Hedna Okwu (0803 705 8753)
- Attendees are encouraged to book accommodation in advance due to high demand during conference periods. Reservations can typically be made directly through the hotel websites or by contacting their reservations desk.

Important Notes:

- · Participants are advised to plan their travel in advance, considering the potential high demand for transportation services during conference dates.
- · It's recommended to confirm flight or land transport bookings and hotel reservations well ahead of the event to secure availability.
- \cdot Contact the respective hotels or transport service providers for specific booking details, rates, and any additional requirements.

ESSENTIAL DETAILS WHEN

ATTENDING PNC 2023 FORUM

The Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB) takes Health, Safety, and Security within its facilities very seriously.

Health, Safety, and Security Brief for Attendees Health Measures:

- 1. COVID-19 Guidelines: The conference organizers prioritize the health and safety of all attendees. Please adhere to any COVID-19 guidelines set by the Nigerian health authorities and the event organizers (DMG Events). This might include wearing masks, practicing hand hygiene, and maintaining physical distancing where applicable.
- **2. Health Precautions:** Prioritize your health by staying hydrated, getting adequate rest, and eating balanced meals. Please have a medical kit with essential medications if required.
- **3. Medical Emergencies:** In case of a medical emergency, seek immediate assistance from designated medical personnel or contact emergency services. The conference venue will have designated medical stations for any health-related concerns.

Safety Measures:

- **1. Venue Safety:** Be aware of the emergency exits and assembly points at the conference venue. Follow the guidance of event staff and security personnel in case of any safety concerns.
- **2. Personal Safety:** While exploring Yenagoa, practice personal safety measures. Avoid isolated or poorly lit areas and be cautious with personal belongings. Use reliable transportation services and avoid travel alone, especially at night.
- **3. Emergency Contact Information:** Keep a list of emergency contact numbers handy, including local authorities, hotel security, conference organizers, and embassy or consulate contacts if you are a foreign attendee.

Security Measures:

1. Access Badges: Always wear your conference badges while at the event venue. These badges grant access to the conference areas and ensure security compliance.

- **2. Valuables and Documents:** Safeguard your belongings, including travel documents, electronic devices, and valuables. Use hotel room safes when available and avoid carrying excessive amounts of cash.
- **3. Reporting Concerns:** Report any suspicious activities, unattended bags, or security concerns to conference staff or security personnel immediately.
- **4. Transportation Security:** When using public or private transportation, be vigilant. Verify the legitimacy of transportation services and avoid sharing personal information with strangers.

Local Information:

- **1. Local Laws and Customs:** Familiarize yourself with the local laws and customs in Yenagoa and respect the cultural norms of the region.
- **2. Weather Conditions:** Be prepared for local weather conditions. Yenagoa experiences a tropical climate, so pack appropriate clothing and stay hydrated.
- **3. Communication and Language:** English is the official language in Nigeria. However, understanding and respecting local communication norms and customs can be beneficial.

The Practical Nigerian Content Conference 2023 aims to provide a safe and secure environment for all attendees. By observing these health, safety, and security measures, we can ensure a successful and enjoyable conference experience for everyone. Attendees are encouraged to follow these guidelines and exercise caution to ensure their own safety and well-being during the Practical Nigerian Content (PNC) 2023 Forum in Yenagoa.

For more details on HSSE, contact Peter Isu (0806 592 6210)

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONFERENCE

Here's a brief guide outlining the provisions for internet connection, feeding arrangements, and badge collection for delegates at the venue of the Practical Nigerian Content Conference 2023:

Internet Connection:

- **1. Wi-Fi Connectivity:** The conference venue is equipped with high-speed and secure Wi-Fi connectivity available throughout the premises. Multiple access points ensure consistent and reliable internet access for delegates.
- **2. Bandwidth and Reliability:** Adequate bandwidth has been allocated to accommodate many simultaneous users. The network infrastructure has redundancy measures in place to minimize downtime and ensure uninterrupted

internet access.

3. Technical Support: A dedicated technical support team from our ICT Department is available on-site to assist with any connectivity issues. Help desks or IT personnel are stationed at key locations to provide prompt assistance if needed.

Feeding Arrangements:

- **1. Catering Services:** Delegates will have access to catering services offering a variety of meals, snacks, and beverages throughout the conference. The catering facilities are equipped to accommodate dietary preferences and requirements.
- **2. Meal Breaks:** Scheduled meal breaks are integrated into the conference program, allowing delegates to enjoy networking opportunities while partaking in breakfast, lunch, and refreshments during breaks.
- **3. Dining Areas:** Designated dining areas within the conference venue are available for delegates to enjoy meals conveniently without missing out on conference activities. The areas include the Staff Cafeteria on the 4th Floor, VIP rooms, the break-out rooms, and the foyer on the 1st Floor of conference centre.

Badge Collection:

- 1. Registration Desk: Delegates can collect their conference badges and registration materials from the designated registration desk upon arrival at the venue.
- **2. Pre-Registered Delegates:** For pre-registered attendees, a streamlined process is in place to expedite badge collection. Delegates are required to present valid identification and their registration confirmation for quick processing.
- **3. On-Site Registration:** On-site registration facilities are available for delegates who have not pre-registered. The registration desk is staffed with personnel to assist with new registrations and badge issuance.

These provisions aim to enhance the overall experience for delegates attending the Practical Nigerian Content (PNC) 2023 Forum, ensuring smooth internet connectivity, convenient dining options, and efficient badge collection processes.

CLIMATE AND WEATHER

Yenagoa which situates in an area of swamps and mangrove tropical rainforest experiences unpleasant weather all year round, with the wet season being warm

and cloudy and the dry season being hot and generally cloudy with sporadic rainfall most hours of the day. The rain pattern is most often convectional with an uneven spread across the locality. The average annual temperature fluctuates between 22°C and 31°C, rarely falling below 17°C or rising over 32°C.

DATE	WEATHER DETAILS	HIGHEST TEMP.	LOWEST TEMP	PRECIPITA- TION CHANGES	HUMIDITY LEVELS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023	Partly sunny and very warm; a thunderstorm in spots in the afternoon	31°C	23°C	40%	82%
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023	Mostly cloudy with a thunderstorm in parts in the afternoon	31°C	23°C	44%	83%
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023	Partly sunny with a couple of showers in the afternoon	30°C	24°C	65%	83%
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023	Clouds and sun with a thunderstorm in parts	30°C	22°C	40%	83%

NOTABLE FEATURES ABOUT YENAGOA

Yenagoa, the capital city of Bayelsa State in Nigeria, holds several notable features and characteristics:

1. Political Significance: As the capital of Bayelsa State, Yenagoa serves as the administrative and political hub of the state, hosting government offices,

administrative centres, and institutions.

- **2. Economic Activities:** While primarily an administrative city, Yenagoa plays a role in the regional economy, with activities such as commerce, small-scale manufacturing, and services supporting the local population.
- **3. Cultural Diversity:** The city is home to a diverse population representing various ethnic groups from within Nigeria and across West Africa. This diversity contributes to a rich cultural tapestry reflected in traditions, arts, and culinary offerings.
- **4. Natural Beauty:** Yenagoa boasts scenic landscapes and natural beauty, including lush greenery, rivers, creeks, and wetlands typical of the Niger Delta region. The city's surroundings feature mangrove forests and waterways, offering opportunities for eco-tourism and leisure activities.
- **5. Oil and Gas Industry:** Situated within the Niger Delta, Yenagoa is part of an oilrich region, contributing to Nigeria's oil and gas production. The presence of oil companies and related industries influences the city's economy and development. Most significantly, Yenagoa hosts the Nigerian Content Tower, an edifice hovering the Niger Delta skyline.
- **6. Educational Institutions:** The city hosts educational institutions, including universities, colleges, and schools, providing educational opportunities for the local populace, and contributing to intellectual growth in the region.
- **7.** Infrastructure Development: Efforts have been made to improve infrastructure in Yenagoa, with ongoing projects focused on roads, utilities, and urban development to support the city's growth.
- **8. Civic Amenities:** Yenagoa features amenities such as markets, shopping centres, healthcare facilities, and recreational spaces that cater to the needs of residents and visitors.
- **9. Festivals and Events:** The city celebrates various cultural festivals and events that showcase local traditions, music, dance, and art forms, providing a glimpse into the region's vibrant heritage.
- **10. Challenges:** Like many cities, Yenagoa faces challenges including infrastructure development, waste management, and socio-economic disparities, which the local government and stakeholders are working to address for improved living conditions.

Yenagoa's blend of administrative importance, cultural diversity, natural beauty, and economic activities contributes to its significance within Bayelsa State and

the broader Niger Delta region. It is indeed the home of Nigerian Content.

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