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*Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.*

- Psalm 34:14

## The Nigerian Diplomat

The Nigerian Diplomat is a blog, which began in June 2016 with the vision of having the most reliable platform for presenting the best of Nigeria in every aspect of life to the world – positive diplomacy, impactful foreign relations; value inspired role models; good music, humour, art and culture, relevant history, etc. based on good and true reports/facts.

### Top News

- 1. Nigeria Records Positive Trade Balance in Q1 of 2017**  
According to the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), Nigeria's total trade in the first quarter of 2017 stood at 5.30 trillion Naira with a trade balance of 719.38 billion Naira. The nation's exports in the period under review stood at 3.01 trillion Naira compared to imports of 2.29 trillion Naira.
- 2. Nigeria and Russia Deepen Cooperation in Bilateral Ties [2017]**  
Russia and Nigeria have taken steps to deepen their cooperation pertaining to the steady development of bilateral ties in political, trade, economic and humanitarian areas.  
Foreign Minister, Mr. Geoffrey Onyeama and his counterpart Sergei Lavrov have discussed issues concentrated on prospects of cooperation in the nuclear industry, hydrocarbon processing, infrastructure projects and exports of Russian industrial products to Nigeria. They further held an in-depth exchange of views on international and regional issues, focusing on countering terrorism and extremism, settling crises in Africa, primarily in the Sahara and the Sahel, and fighting pirates in the Gulf of Guinea.
- 3. Yuonov Frederick Agah Reappointed WTO Deputy Director-General [2017]**  
Yuonov Frederick Agah has been reappointed as Deputy Director-General of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) for another four-year term; resuming his second term at the WTO headquarters in Geneva on October 1 till September 30, 2021. Mr. Agah was first appointed as Deputy Director-General of WTO in 2013 for four years.
- 4. Lawrence Folajimi Awosika Is Re-Elected UNCLCS Chairman**  
Professor Lawrence Folajimi Awosika, has been re-elected as Chairman of the United Nation's Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS) [2017-2022].
- 5. Nigeria and Mexico Trade Volume Hits \$600 Million [2016]**  
According to the Mexican Embassy, Deputy Head of Mission, Rodrigo Tenorio, the trade volume between Nigeria and Mexico has grown by 360% from 166.5 million dollars in 2012 to 600 million dollars in 2016.
- 6. Olusegun Adegunle Emerge OPEC Alternate Chairman of EC Board**  
Olusegun Adegunle has been appointed the Alternate Chairman of the 127th Economic Commission Board of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

### Jobs & Opportunities

- 1. Regional Training Assistant (French Speaking) – UK FCO**  
(Deadline: 06 July 2017)
- 2. Project Management Specialist – Civil Society and Media – USAID**  
(Deadline: 07 July 2017)
- 3. Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Specialist – Lake Chad Programme – Plan International**  
(Deadline: 09 July 2017)
- 4. Project Manager – Save the Children**  
(Deadline: 11 July 2017)
- 5. Visa Assistant – US Embassy & Consulate**  
(Deadline: 11 July 2017)
- 6. Researcher on Nigeria – Human Rights Watch (HRW)**  
(Deadline: 23 July 2017)
- 7. Reporting and Communications Specialist – Mercy Corps**  
(Deadline: 26 July 2017)
- 8. Organizational Capacity Building Advisor – Mercy Corps**  
(Deadline: 26 July 2017)
- 9. Director, Medical & Community Services – FHI 360**  
(Deadline: 27 July 2017)
- 10. Logistics coordinator – Médecins du Monde** (Deadline: 31 July 2017)
- 11. Call for Entries: 2017 PositiveNaija Essay Competition [How Great Is Nigeria] – PositiveNaija**  
(Deadline: 31 August 2017)
- 12. Call for Entries: Evergreen Role Models**