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*Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger.*

- James 1:19

## 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

- Mr. Chiedu Osakwe Is Appointed Director General/ Chief Negotiator of Nigerian Office for Trade Negotiations (NOTN)**  
The Federal Government of Nigeria has approved the appointment of Mr. Chiedu Osakwe as Director General with concurrent designation as Chief Negotiator, Nigerian Office for Trade Negotiations (NOTN) for a period of four years.
- Nigeria and United Nations Sign Sustainable Development Partnership Framework (UNSDPF) [2018-2022]**  
Nigeria and the United Nations (UN) have signed a five-year Sustainable Development Partnership Framework (UNSDPF) [2018-2022], which is a successor programme to the current United Nations Development Assistance Framework III (UNDAF III) (2014-2017) in Nigeria. The UNSDPF has three strategic priority result areas which are governance, human rights, peace and security; equitable quality basic services and sustainable and inclusive economic development.
- Nigeria Begins Issuance of Temporary Work Permit Via Email**  
According to the Comptroller-General of the Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS), Muhammad Babandede, Nigeria has started issuance of Temporary Work Permit (TWP), Visa by e-mail to expatriates coming to the country for temporary work.  
This is part of the ongoing automation of the service' operations and in line with the Ease of Doing Business in Nigeria.
- Turkish Cargo Launch Freighter Between Istanbul and Kano**  
Istanbul-based Turkish Cargo has introduced a new route by launching freighter between Istanbul and Kano. Turkish Cargo currently operates services to 120 countries.  
The new Kano flight will be via Dakar. This will be the second destination after Lagos in Nigeria to which Turkish Cargo will operate cargo flights. Kano stands out with its processed leather products.
- Nigeria Assumes Chairmanship of AU-PSC for July 2017**  
Nigeria has emerged the chair of the African Union Peace and Security Council (AU-PSC) for the month of July 2017. Nigeria's Permanent Representative to the AU, Mr. Bankole Adeoye, took over from Mr. Susan Sikaneta, the Permanent Representative of Zambia, who held the Presidency for the month of June.
- Call for Entries: 2017 PositiveNaija Essay Competition**  
Theme: *How Great Is Nigeria!* | Deadline: 31 August 2017

### Foreign Policy Hub & Poll

#### *Nigerians, Faith & Foreign Birthright Citizenship – Toju Micheal Ogbe*

Every man lives by faith;  
Romans, Saints, more so, Nigerians!  
The Earth records our footprint,  
Erudite emissaries discern our *voice*,  
Our Father beholds our hearts.  
Still we are loved, entrusted with *gifts*.  
Yet we are lost and perish alive;  
We perish smiling, scheming and *sensible*.

Every man lives by faith;  
Nigerians, Poets, more so Nigerians!  
We profess Christ's saving grace but dread  
our *rural* villages;  
We declare Jehovah's promises but panic  
at our urban indicators.  
We set our will closer to God's Kingdom  
travelling through the *white* lands with our  
dreams, destinies, faith and delivering our  
children; surrendering their birthright – our  
hope.

Every man lives by faith;  
Asians, Arabs, more so Nigerians!  
Our *hope*, safely and even brighter arrives  
as a prosperous citizen.  
Our *hope*, as if in an instant returns home.  
In *wisdom* and wealth, we reject poverty;  
But this kind of poverty is in the blood not  
banks.  
In quest for medical excellence, we reject  
complications;  
But our hope drinks *agbo* against death-  
dealing typhoid and malaria.