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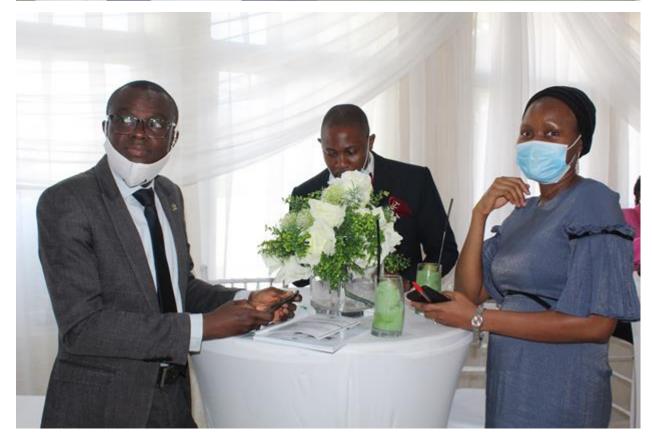






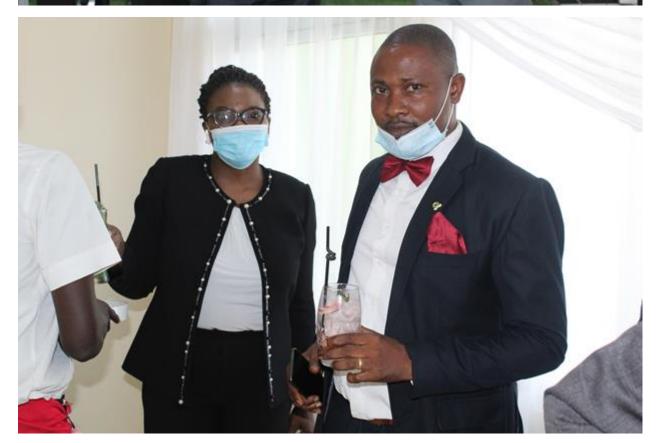












# **FINANCE NEWS**

#### Banks sack 7,957 in 9 months

The perennial human capital crisis in the banking sector got worse in the past few months, The Guardian investigation found. This was partly triggered by increasing disengagement of employees, which insider sources described as "worrisome".

# Exports suffer setback as new CBN policy bites hard

The new policy by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) directing all exporters to present the Nigeria Export Proceed (NXP) number before exporting any good outside the country is currently causing a setback for international trade.

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# World Bank approves \$1.5b loan to aid Nigeria's forex liquidity position

The World Bank, yesterday, enhanced Nigeria's foreign exchange liquidity position with the approval of the Covid-19 Budget Support credit promised during the Spring Meetings in America earlier in the year.

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# FirstBank joins SMEs Finance Forum to expand access to finance

FIRSTBank of Nigeria Limited has joined the SME Finance Forum, which comprises financing experts from over 80 countries. "Forty percent of small and medium businesses worldwide struggle to get access to the credit and capital that they need to grow their enterprises. We are delighted to welcome FirstBank to our network of 200 members who are working to eliminate the finance gap for SMEs," Forum, CEO, SME Matthew Gamser said. Read More

# Standard Chartered's senior vice-chairman gets recognition

Eight businesswomen holding prominent executive roles in leading companies in Europe, the Middle East and Africa, including the Senior Vice-Chairman for Africa at Standard Chartered Bank, Bola Adesola, have been named as winners in the annual WeQual Awards.

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# November inflation rate rose to 14.89%, says NBS

The consumer price index, which measures inflation rose to 14.89 per cent (year-on-year) in November 2020. This is 0.66 percentage points higher than the rate recorded in October 2020 (14.23 per cent). The National Bureau of Statistics revealed in its Consumer Price Index for November 2020 on Tuesday.

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# MARKET RATES: INTERBANK /PARALLEL

NGN	USD	GPB	EUR
16	470 / 475	615 / 628	570 / 578
DEC			
15	470 / 475	615 / 628	570 / 578
DEC			
14	470 / 475	620 / 628	570 / 580
DEC			
11	470 / 475	615 / 625	570 / 580
DEC			

Source: CBN & Aboki fx

HERITAGE Bank Plc has set aside N5 billion for the creative industry as support funds to drive and stimulate growth for the nation's economy.

#### Heritage Bank votes N5b for creative industry

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#### **Bank holds Corpreneurship challenge**

As part of efforts to contribute to the growth of entrepreneurship and boost job creation in Nigeria, Unity Bank Plc has announced the third edition of its Entrepreneurship Development Initiative, also known as Corpreneurship Challenge for the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), 2020 Batch B, stream 1B.

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#### Access Bank begins dollar payment for fund transfers

ACCESS Bank Plc has started nationwide payout of dollars to beneficiaries of international remittances, in response to the recent policy change by the Central Bank Nigeria (CBN).

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#### Investors Gain N199bn as Market Sustains Positive Momentum

The Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE) All-Share Index (ASI) rose further by 1.10 per cent to close at 34,225.22 as the market sustained its positive momentum yesterday. The market capitalisation gained N199.5 billion to close at N18.4 trillion.

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#### MUFG, Afreximbank Seal \$520m Deal

MUFG and the African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) have closed a ground-breaking \$520 million facility, the first to be covered by Nippon Export and Investment Insurance (NEXI).

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# WHAT'S NEW?





Nigeria records 758 new COVID-19 cases, three deaths

The Nigeria Centre for Disease Control has recorded 758 new COVID-19 infections in the country, bringing the nation's total confirmed cases to 74,132. The public health agency also recorded three additional deaths in the last 24 hours in the country.

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WHO launches labourmonitoring tool to reduce complications during childbirth

The World Health
Organisation has launched a
new Labour Care Guide to
reduce complications during
labour and help every
woman have a positive
childbirth experience.

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Foreign scouts arrive in Lagos for TopPro Sports talent hunt

Top foreign football scouts and managers are expected in Lagos for the TopPro Sports Management scouting tournament holding from tomorrow to December 18, 2020, at the Digital Bridge Institute pitch, Oshodi, Lagos.

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Fury versus Joshua super fights could generate up to £500 million

They are being billed as the biggest fights in British boxing history and it is estimated that the two contests between Tyson Fury and Anthony Joshua could generate between £300 and £500 million, reports The Scotsman.

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Today." - Franklin D. Roosevelt

## **GENERAL NEWS**



JUST IN:

BREAKING: World Bank approves \$1.5bn for Nigeria to reduce poverty

The World Bank Group discussed a new five-year Country Partnership Framework from 2021 to 2024 with Nigeria and approved a \$1.5bn package to help build a resilient recovery post-COVID-19. The bank disclosed this in a statement entitled "World Bank Group to boost Nigeria's efforts to reduce poverty," on Tuesday.

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#### Russia's Putin congratulates Biden, says 'I'm ready for collaboration'

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday congratulated Joe Biden on winning the US presidential election in November, saying he hoped the countries could set aside their differences to promote global security.

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#### COVID-19: Sanwo-Olu will recover soon, says commissioner

Lagos State Health Commissioner, Akin Abayomi, says Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu will soon recover from coronavirus. He said in a statement titled 'Update on #COVID19 status Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu' on Tuesday. The commissioner had announced Friday night that the governor tested positive for coronavirus and had been in isolation following contact with persons infected with the virus.

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